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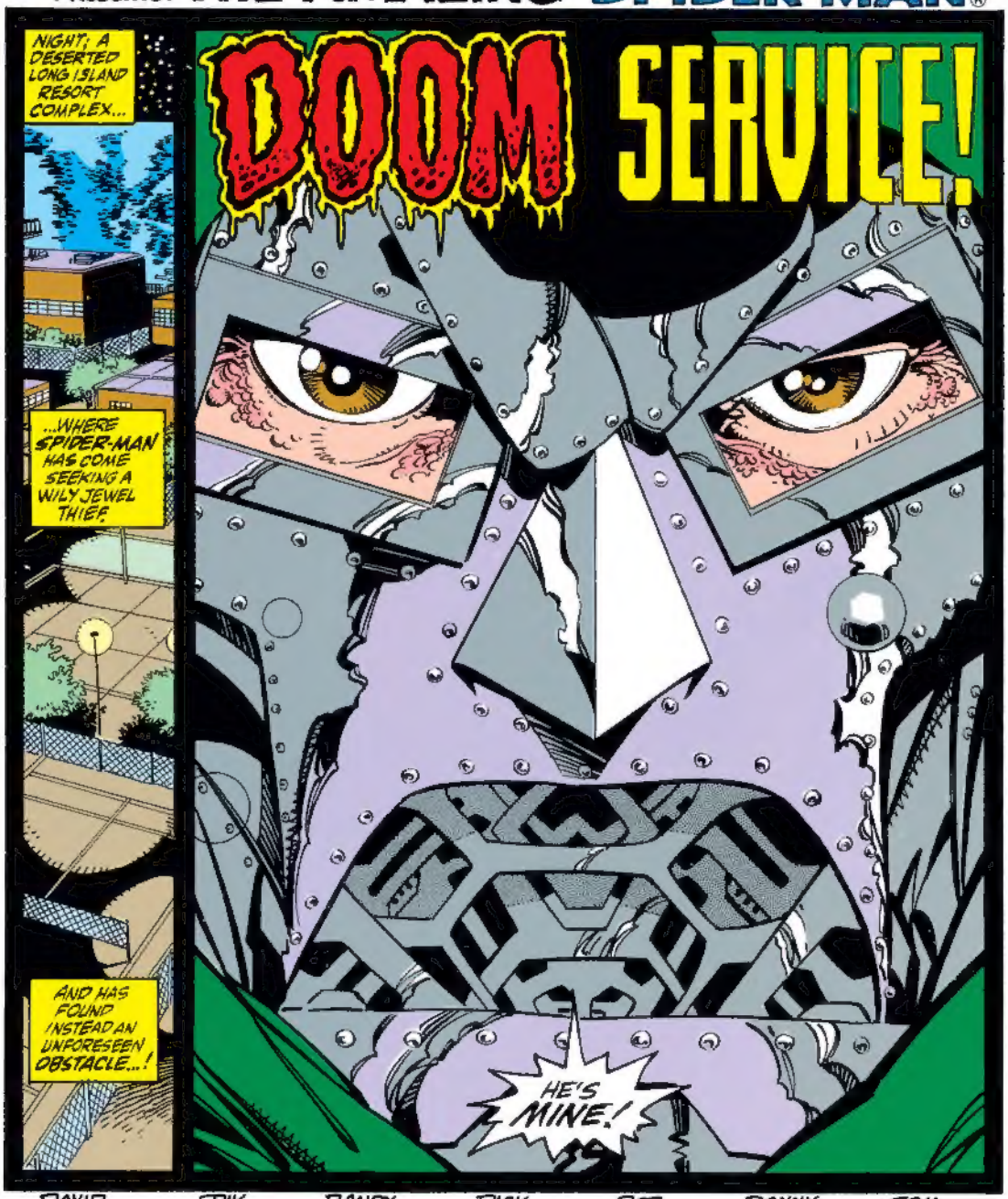
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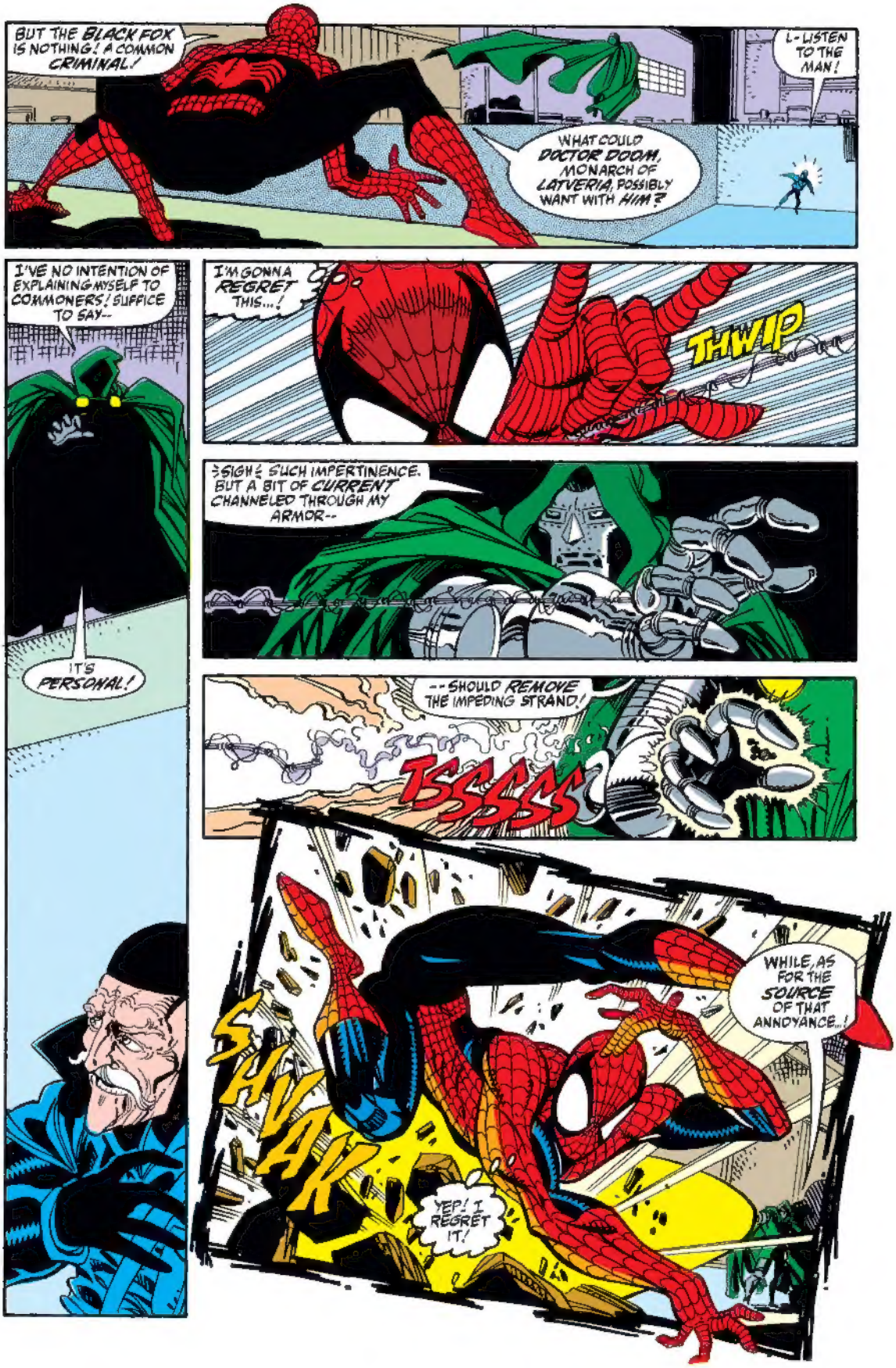
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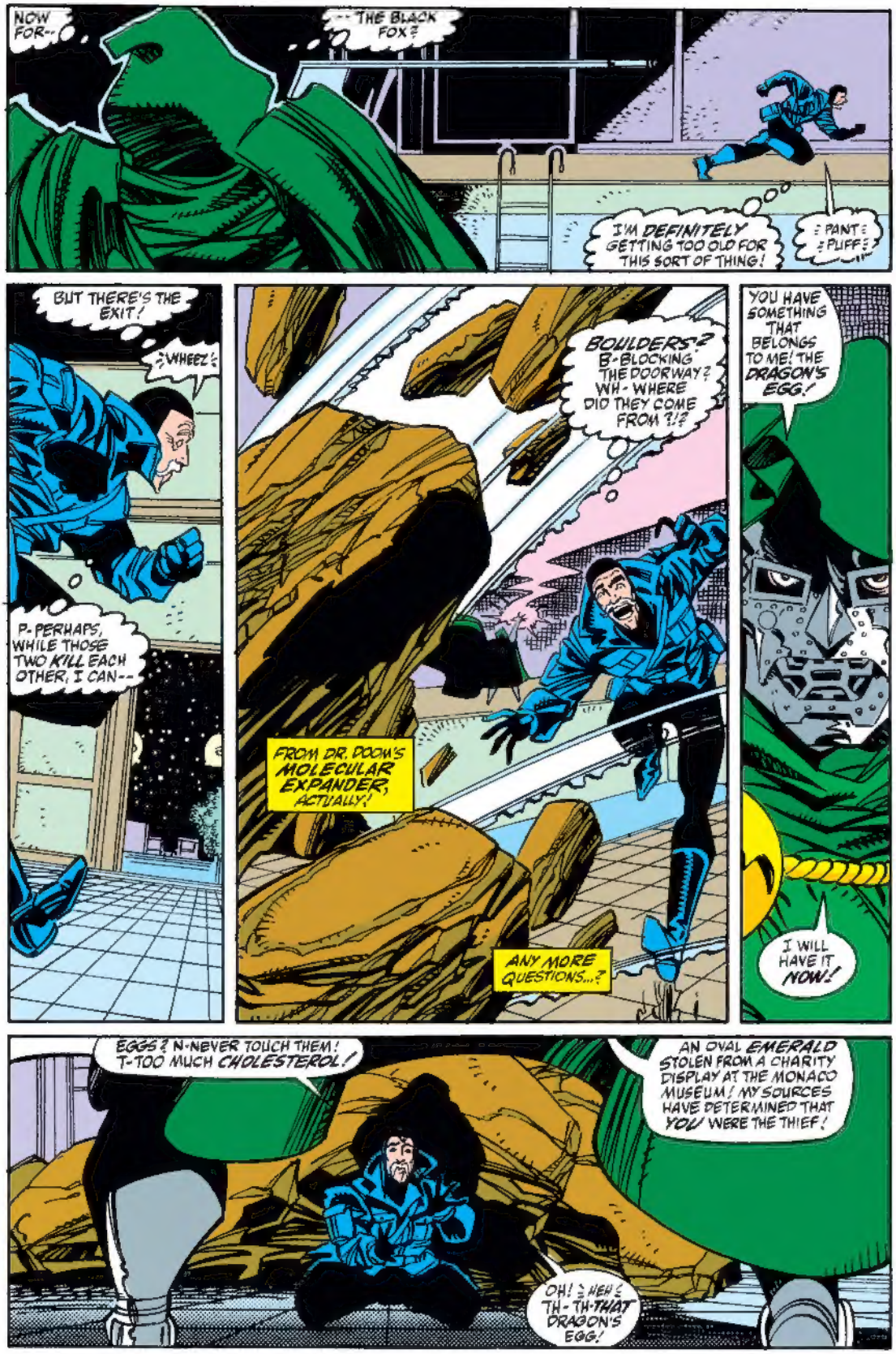
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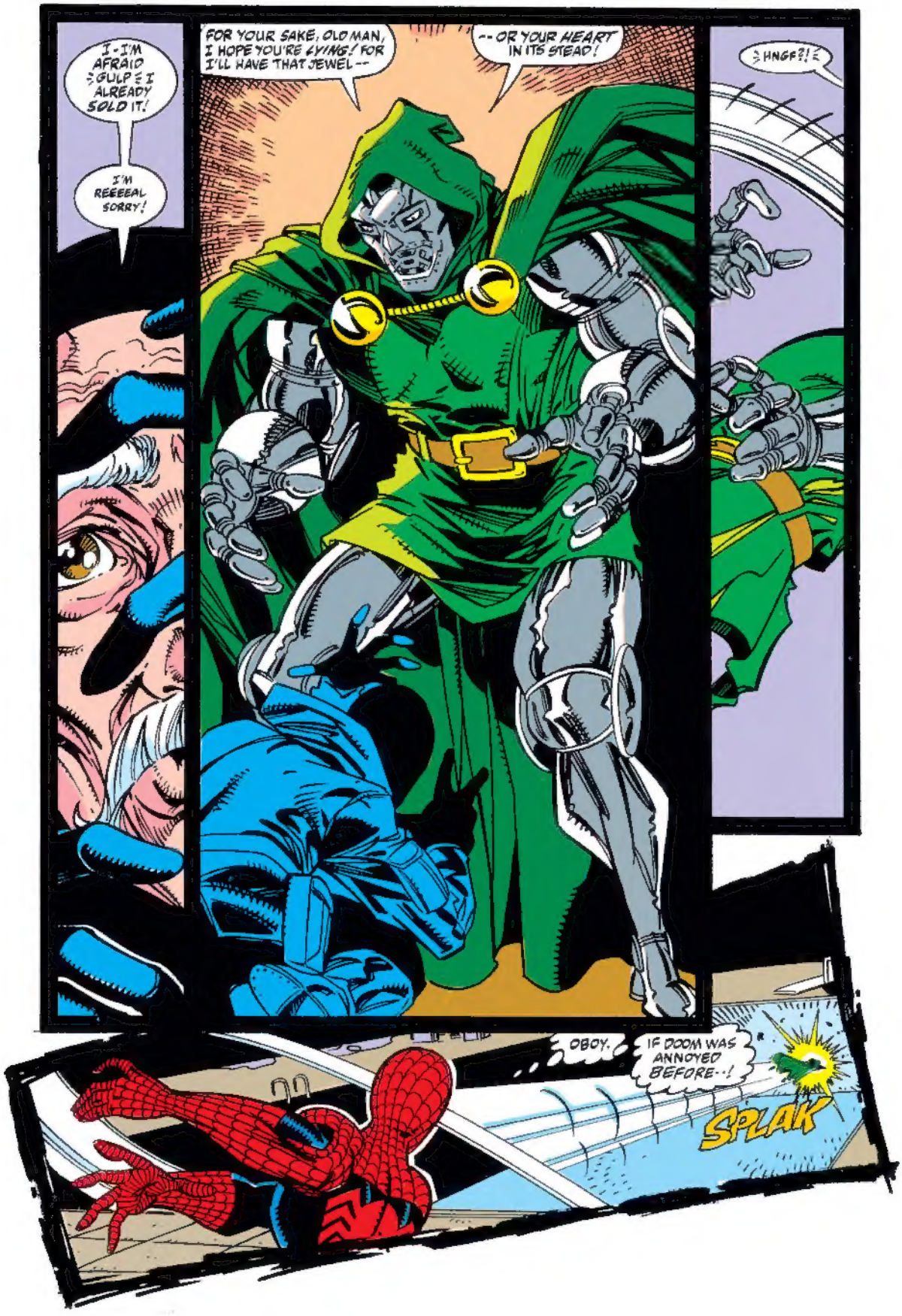


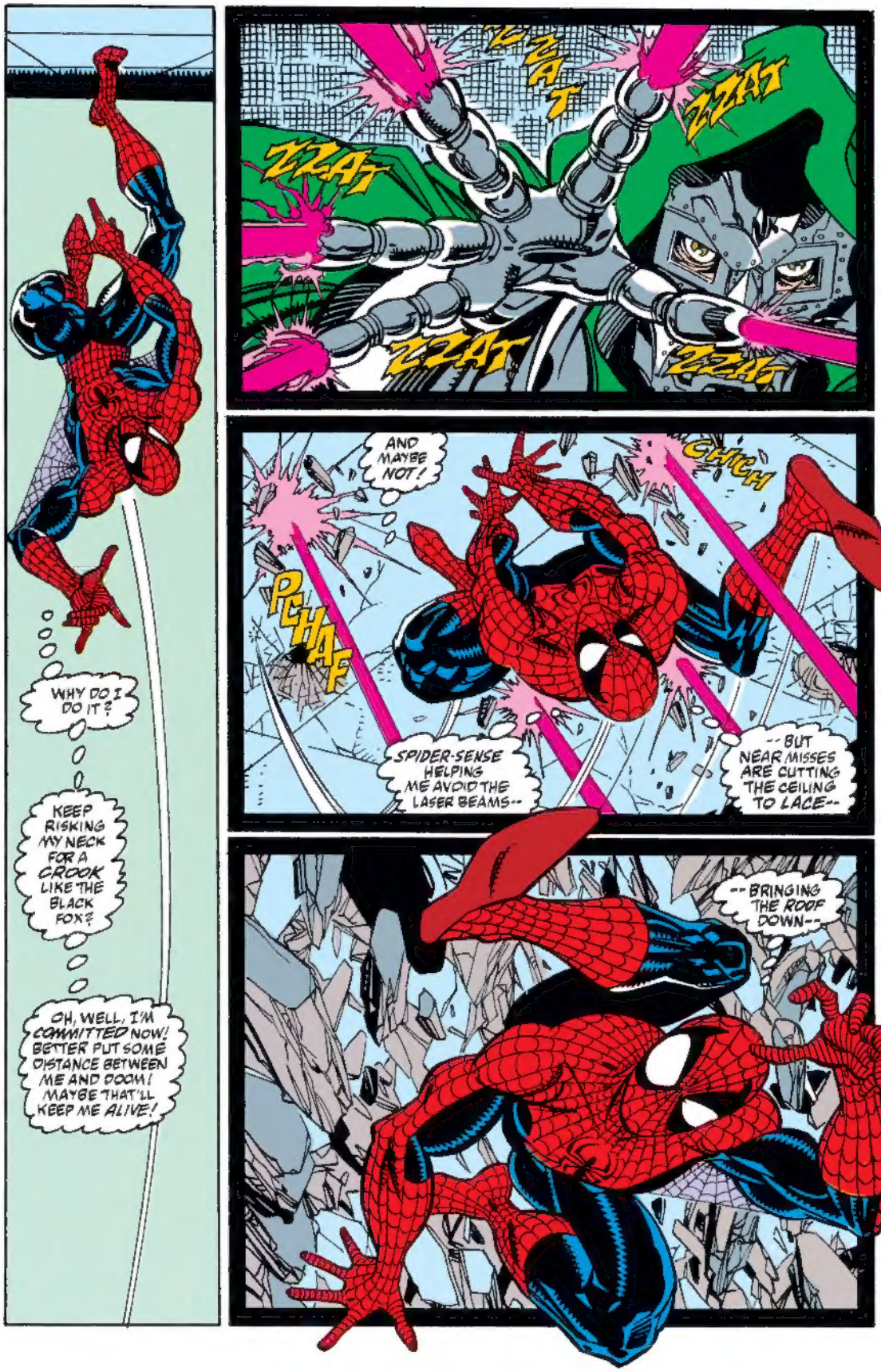
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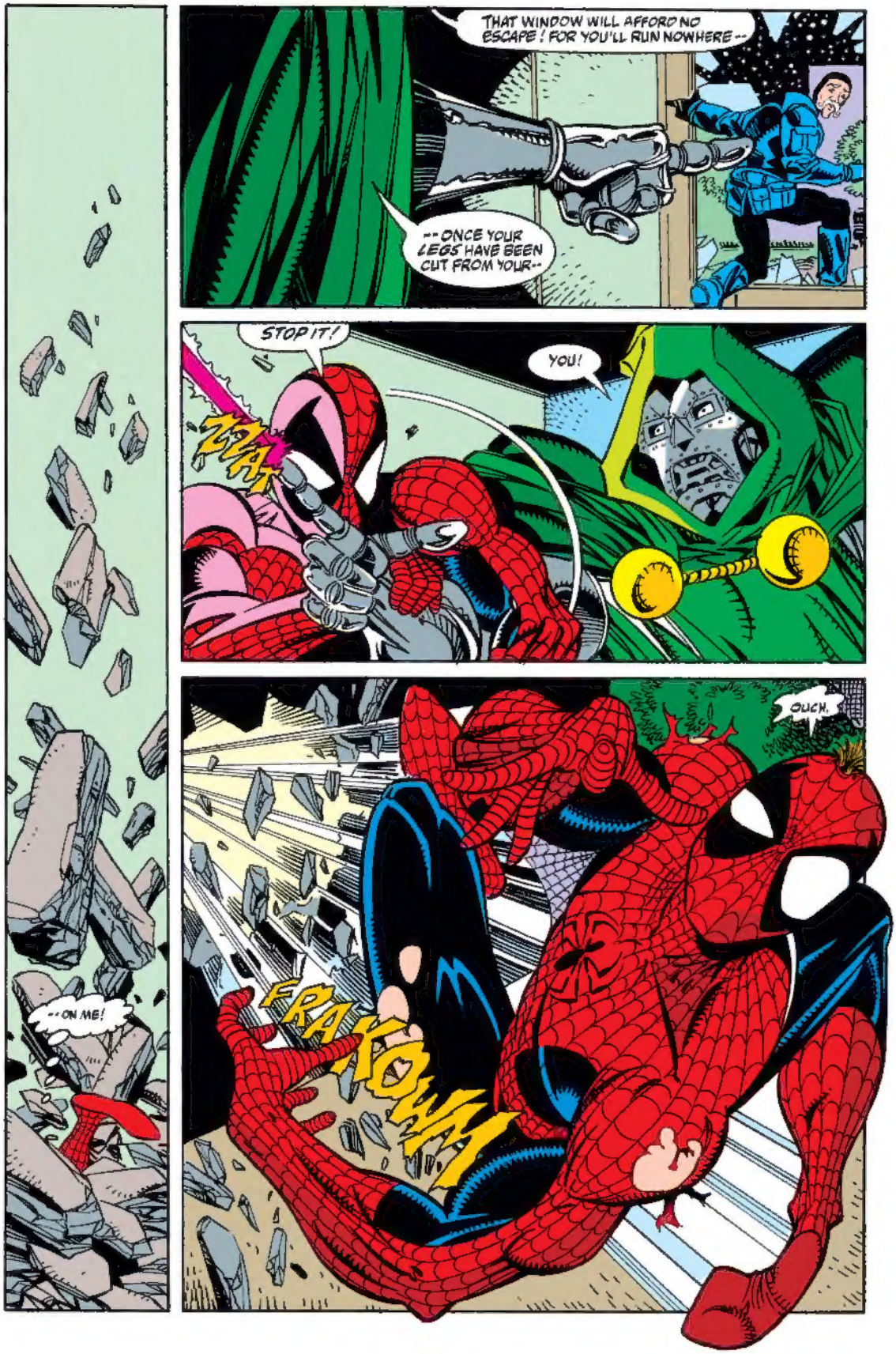
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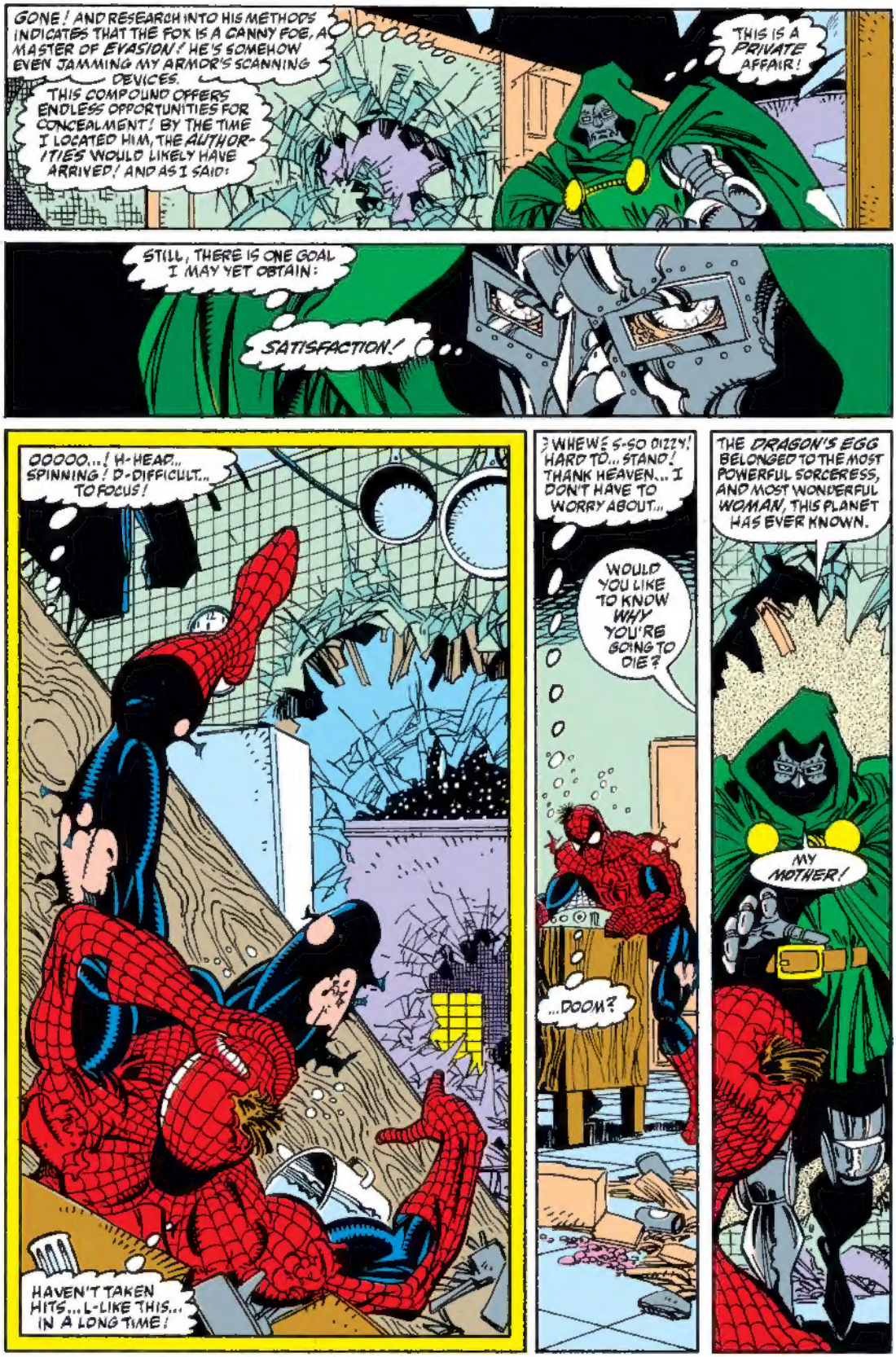

BUT THE BLACK FOX IS NOTHING! A COMMON CRIMINAL!
L-LISTEN TO THE MAN!
WHAT COULD DOCTOR DOOM, MONARCH OF LATVERIA, POSSIBLY WANT WITH HIM?
I'VE NO INTENTION OF EXPLAINING MYSELF TO COMMONERS! SUFFICE TO SAY--
IT'S PERSONAL!
I'M GONNA REGRET THIS...!
THWIP
>SIGH< SUCH IMPERTINENCE. BUT A BIT OF CURRENT CHANNELED THROUGH MY ARMOR--
--SHOULD REMOVE THE IMPEDING STRAND!
TSSSS
SHVAK
YEP! I REGRET IT!
WHILE, AS FOR THE SOURCE OF THAT ANNOYANCE...!

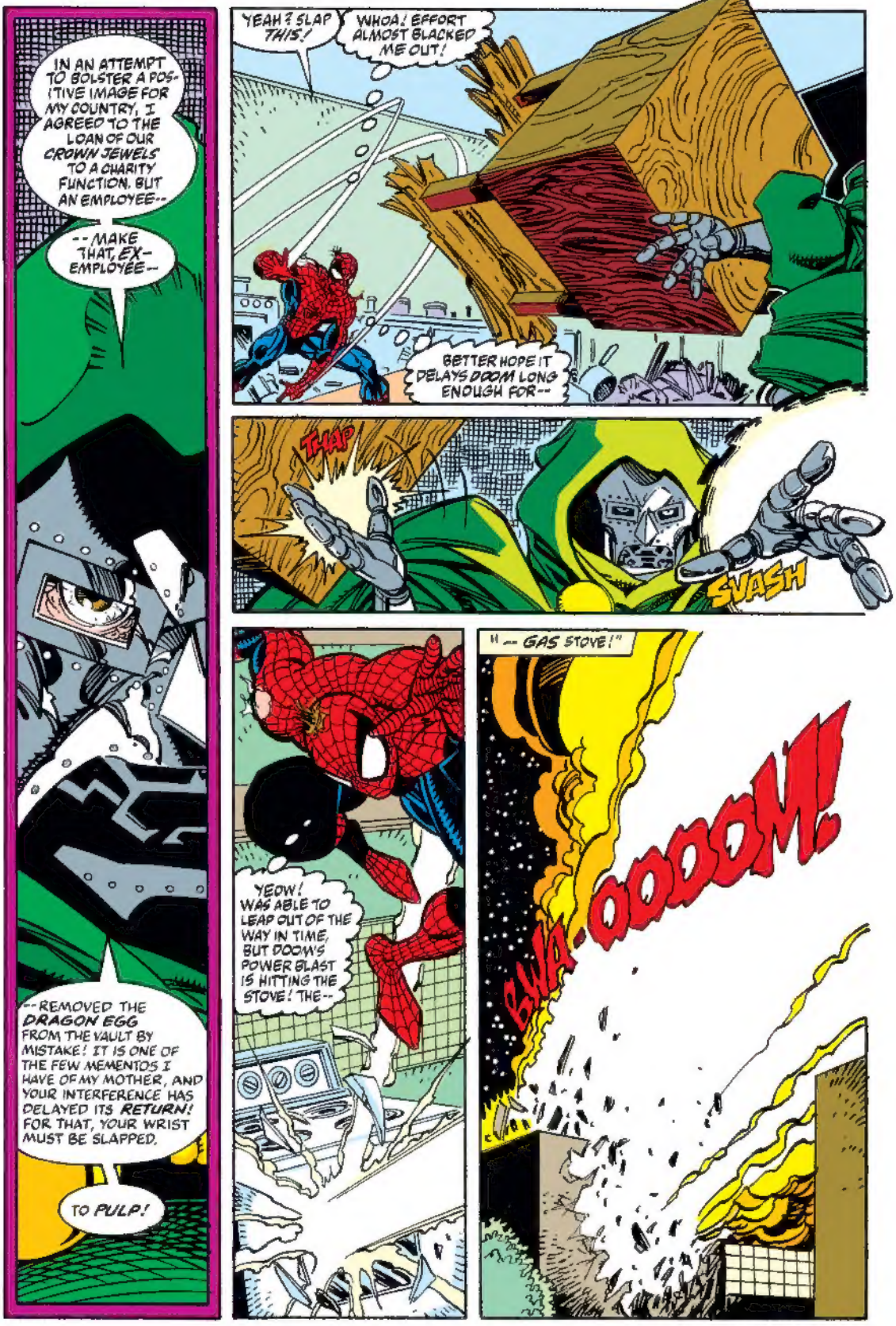

NOW FOR--
--THE BLACK FOX?
I'M DEFINITELY GETTING TOO OLD FOR THIS SORT OF THING!
:PANT: :PUFF:
BUT THERE'S THE EXIT!
:WHEEZ:
P-PERHAPS, WHILE THOSE TWO KILL EACH OTHER, I CAN--
BOULDERS? B-BLOCKING THE DOORWAY? WH-WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?!?
FROM DR. DOOM'S MOLECULAR EXPANDER, ACTUALLY!
ANY MORE QUESTIONS...?
YOU HAVE SOMETHING THAT BELONGS TO ME! THE DRAGON'S EGG!
I WILL HAVE IT NOW!
EGGS? N-NEVER TOUCH THEM! T-TOO MUCH CHOLESTEROL!
AN OVAL EMERALD STOLEN FROM A CHARITY DISPLAY AT THE MONACO MUSEUM! MY SOURCES HAVE DETERMINED THAT YOU WERE THE THIEF!
OH! :HEH: TH-TH-THAT DRAGON'S EGG!

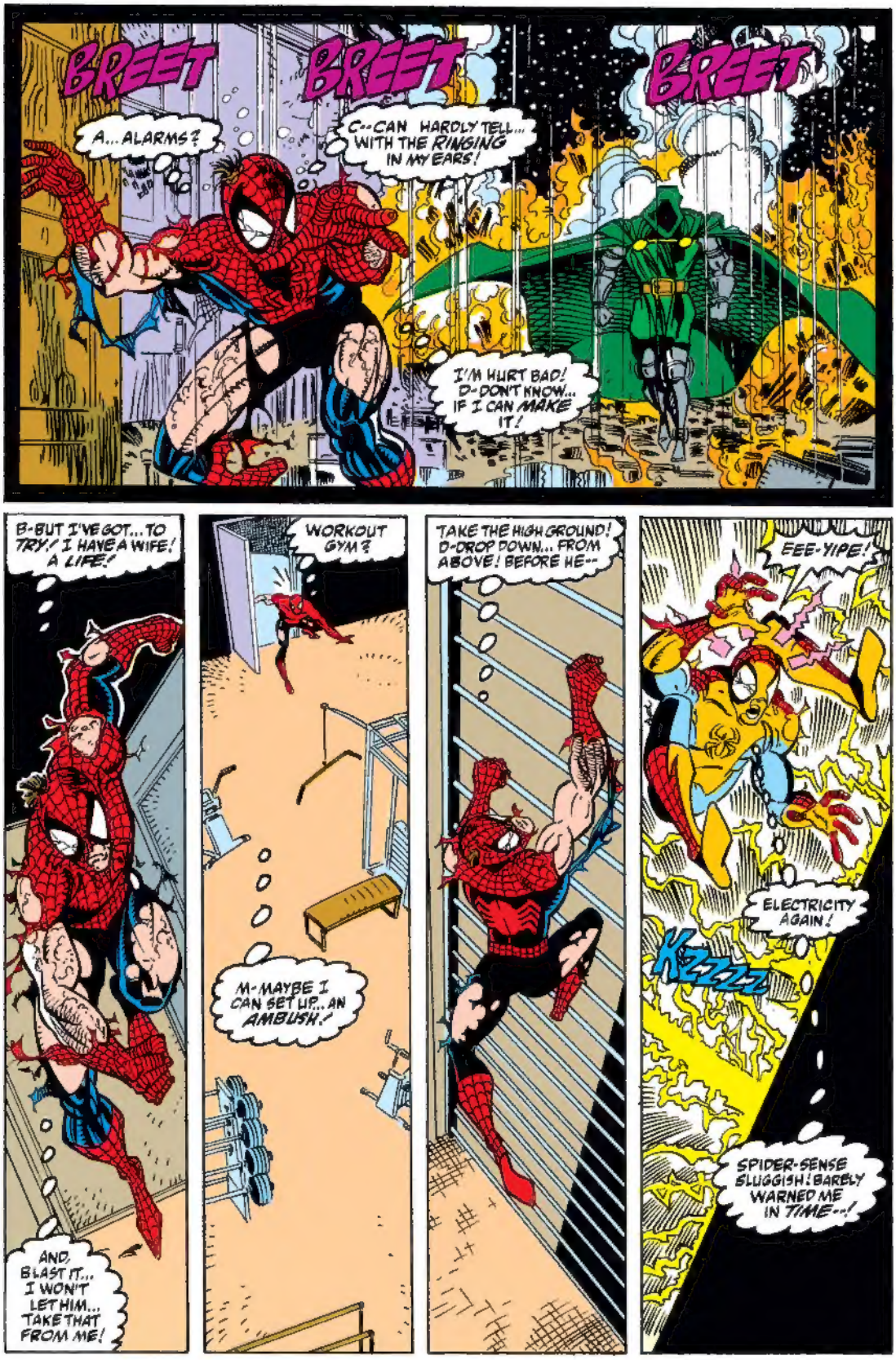

I-I'M AFRAID =GULP= I ALREADY SOLD IT!
I'M REEEEAL SORRY!
FOR YOUR SAKE, OLD MAN, I HOPE YOU'RE LYING! FOR I'LL HAVE THAT JEWEL--
--OR YOUR HEART IN ITS STEAD!
=HNGF?!=
OBOY.
IF DOOM WAS ANNOYED BEFORE--!
SPLAK

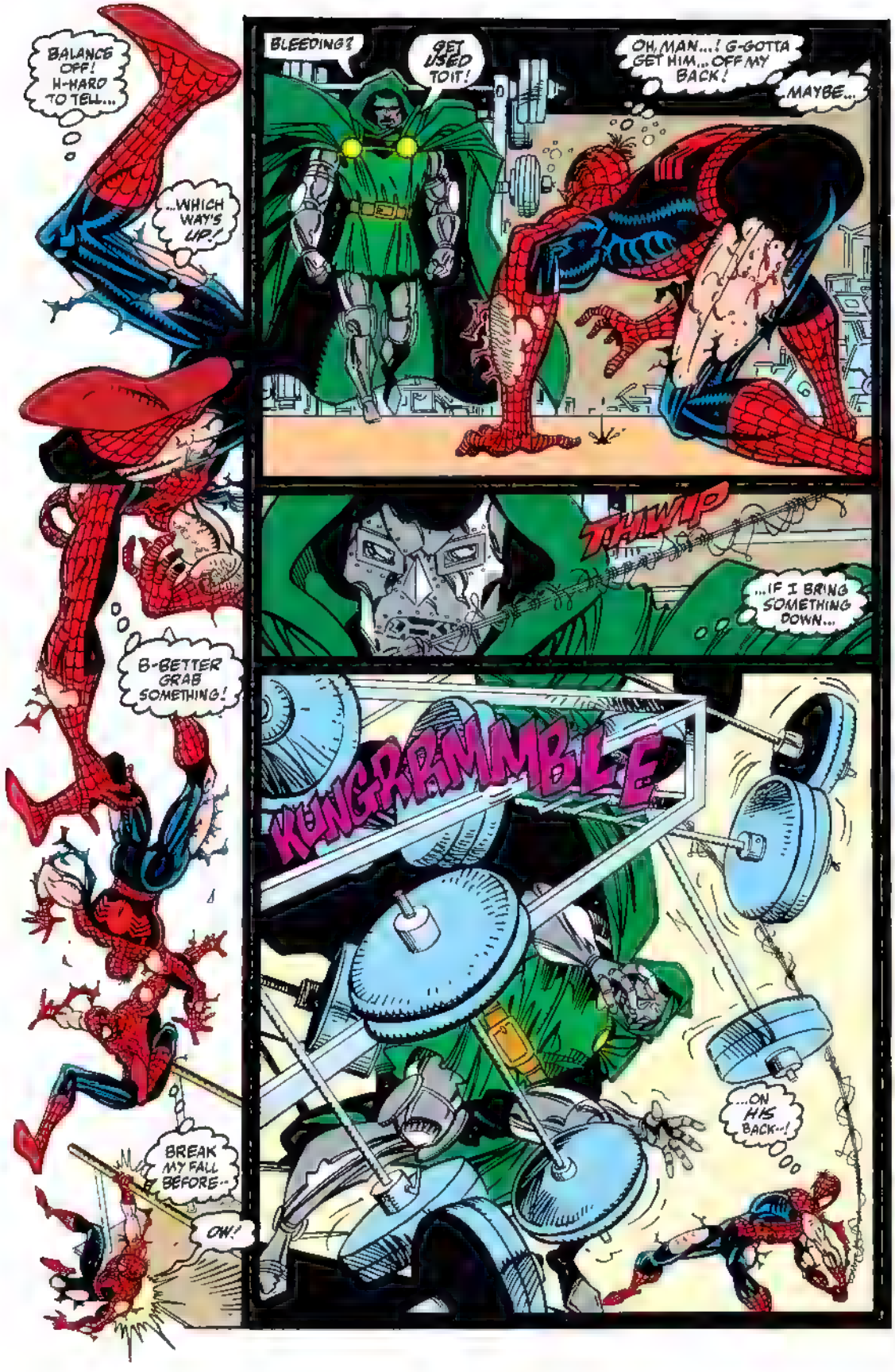

WHY DO I DO IT?
KEEP RISKING MY NECK FOR A CROOK LIKE THE BLACK FOX?
OH, WELL, I'M COMMITTED NOW! BETTER PUT SOME DISTANCE BETWEEN ME AND DOOM! MAYBE THAT'LL KEEP ME ALIVE!
ZZAT
ZZAT
ZZAT
ZZAT
ZZAT
AND MAYBE NOT!
CHICH
PCHAF
SPIDER-SENSE HELPING ME AVOID THE LASER BEAMS--
--BUT NEAR MISSES ARE CUTTING THE CEILING TO LACE--
--BRINGING THE ROOF DOWN--

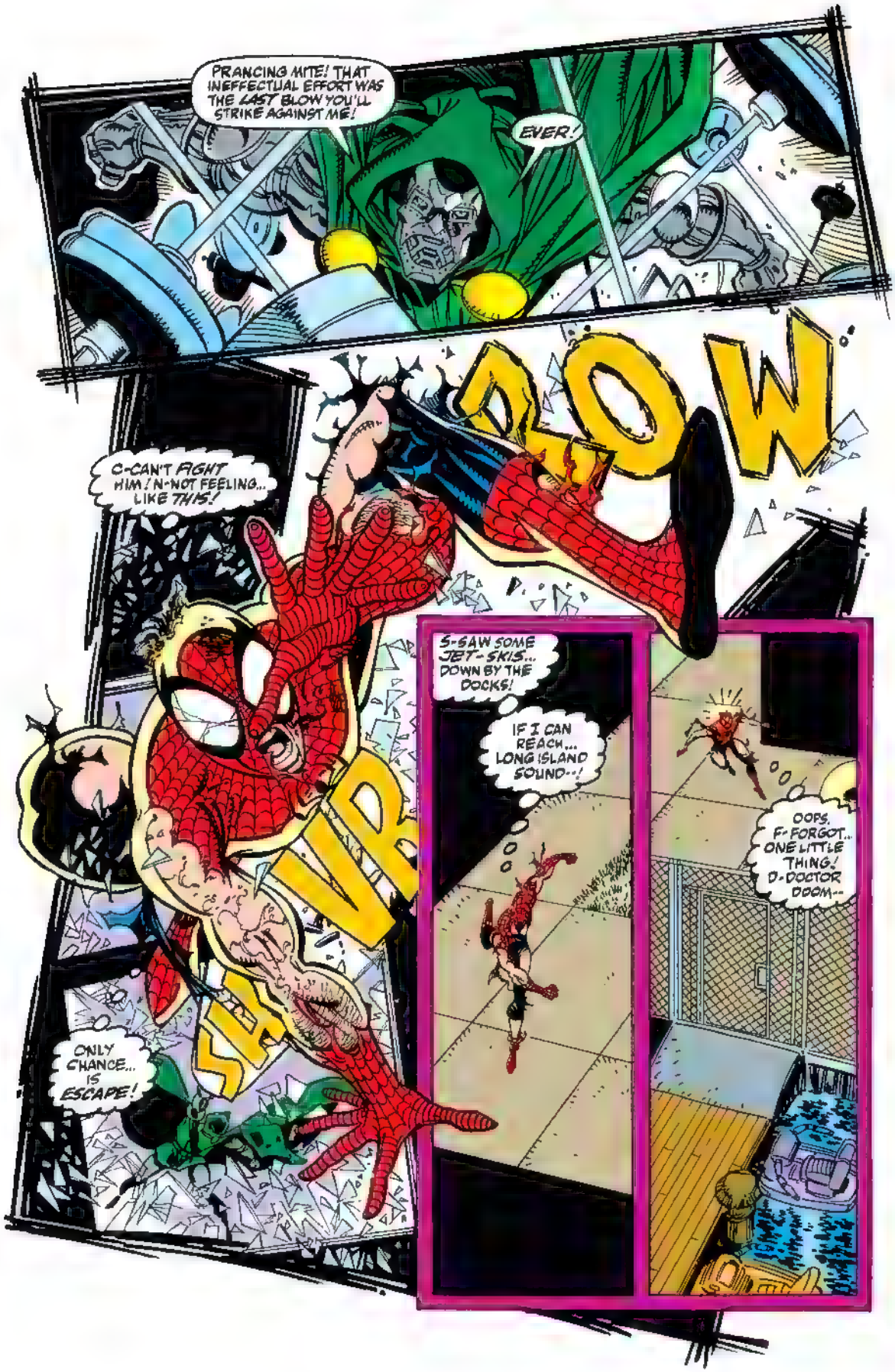

THAT WINDOW WILL AFFORD NO ESCAPE! FOR YOU'LL RUN NOWHERE--
--ONCE YOUR LEGS HAVE BEEN CUT FROM YOUR--
STOP IT!
YOU!
ZZAT
OUCH.
FRAKOW
--ON ME!

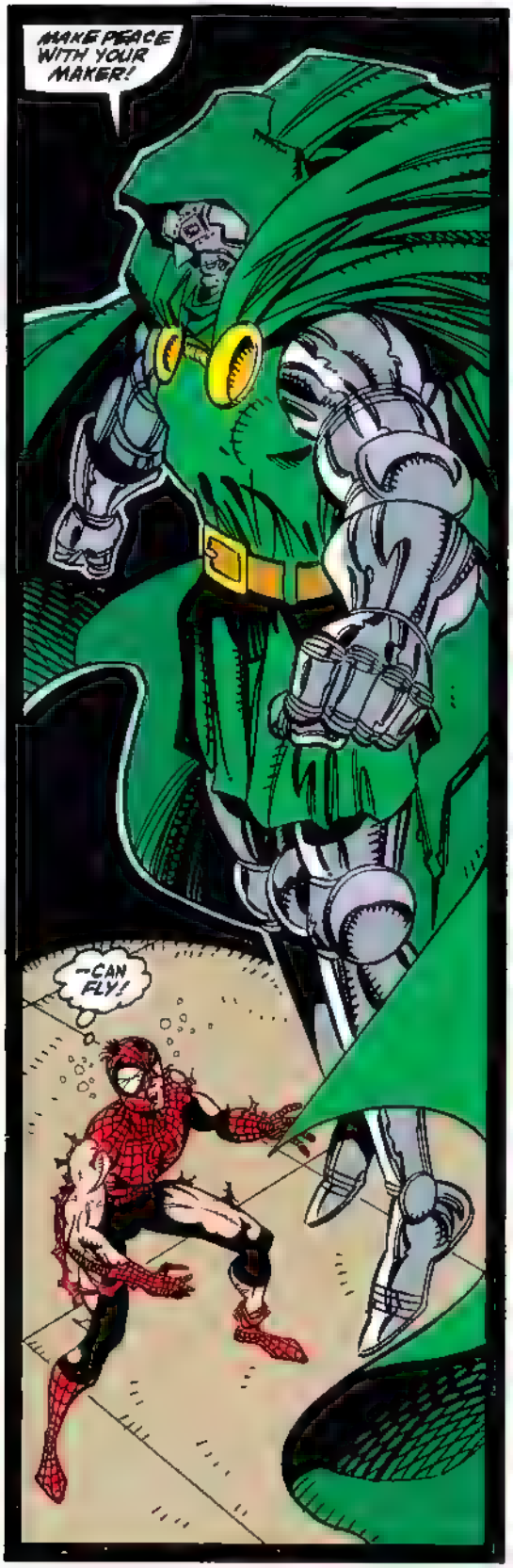

GONE! AND RESEARCH INTO HIS METHODS INDICATES THAT THE FOX IS A CANNY FOE, A MASTER OF EVASION! HE'S SOMEHOW EVEN JAMMING MY ARMOR'S SCANNING DEVICES.
THIS COMPOUND OFFERS ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONCEALMENT! BY THE TIME I LOCATED HIM, THE AUTHORITIES WOULD LIKELY HAVE ARRIVED! AND AS I SAID:
THIS IS A PRIVATE AFFAIR!
STILL, THERE IS ONE GOAL I MAY YET OBTAIN:
SATISFACTION!
OOOOO...! H-HEAD... SPINNING! D-DIFFICULT... TO FOCUS!
HAVEN'T TAKEN HITS... L-LIKE THIS... IN A LONG TIME!
WHEW! S-SO DIZZY! HARD TO... STAND! THANK HEAVEN... I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT...
WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW WHY YOU'RE GOING TO DIE?
...DOOM?
THE DRAGON'S EGG BELONGED TO THE MOST POWERFUL SORCERESS, AND MOST WONDERFUL WOMAN, THIS PLANET HAS EVER KNOWN.
MY MOTHER!

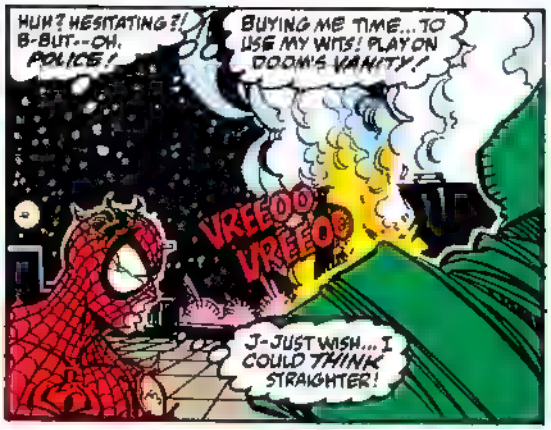

IN AN ATTEMPT TO BOLSTER A POSITIVE IMAGE FOR MY COUNTRY, I AGREED TO THE LOAN OF OUR CROWN JEWELS TO A CHARITY FUNCTION. BUT AN EMPLOYEE--
--MAKE THAT, EX-EMPLOYEE--
--REMOVED THE DRAGON EGG FROM THE VAULT BY MISTAKE! IT IS ONE OF THE FEW MEMENTOS I HAVE OF MY MOTHER, AND YOUR INTERFERENCE HAS DELAYED ITS RETURN! FOR THAT, YOUR WRIST MUST BE SLAPPED.
TO PULP!
YEAH? SLAP THIS!
WHOA! EFFORT ALMOST BLACKED ME OUT!
BETTER HOPE IT DELAYS DOOM LONG ENOUGH FOR--
THAP
SVASH
YEOW! WAS ABLE TO LEAP OUT OF THE WAY IN TIME, BUT DOOM'S POWER BLAST IS HITTING THE STOVE! THE--
"-- GAS STOVE!"
BWA-OOOOM!


BREET
BREET
BREET
A... ALARMS?
C--CAN HARDLY TELL... WITH THE RINGING IN MY EARS!
I'M HURT BAD! D-DON'T KNOW... IF I CAN MAKE IT!
B-BUT I'VE GOT... TO TRY! I HAVE A WIFE! A LIFE!
AND, BLAST IT... I WON'T LET HIM... TAKE THAT FROM ME!
WORKOUT GYM?
M-MAYBE I CAN SET UP... AN AMBUSH!
TAKE THE HIGH GROUND! D-DROP DOWN... FROM ABOVE! BEFORE HE--
EEE-YIPE!
ELECTRICITY AGAIN!
KZZZZZ
SPIDER-SENSE SLUGGISH! BARELY WARNED ME IN TIME--!

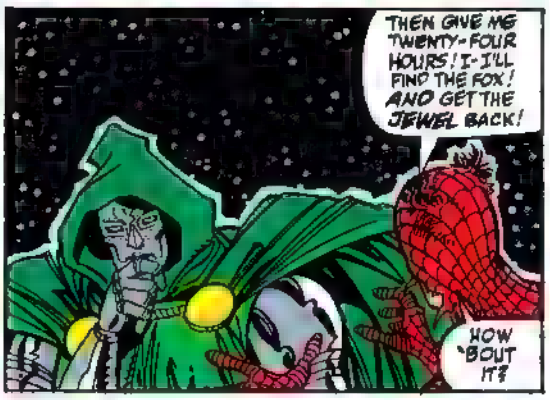

BALANCE OFF! H-HARD TO TELL...
...WHICH WAY'S UP!
B-BETTER GRAB SOMETHING!
BREAK MY FALL BEFORE--
OW!
BLEEDING?
GET USED TO IT!
OH, MAN...! G-GOTTA GET HIM... OFF MY BACK!
MAYBE...
THWIP
...IF I BRING SOMETHING DOWN...
KUNGRRMMBLE
...ON HIS BACK--!

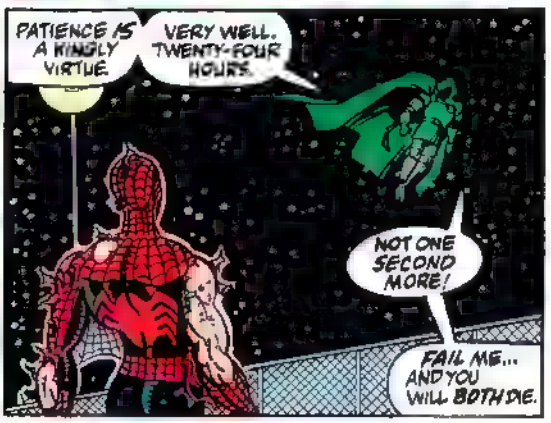

PRANCING MITE! THAT INEFFECTUAL EFFORT WAS THE LAST BLOW YOU'LL STRIKE AGAINST ME!
EVER!
KOW
C-CAN'T FIGHT HIM! N-NOT FEELING... LIKE THIS!
S-SAW SOME JET-SKIS... DOWN BY THE DOCKS!
IF I CAN REACH... LONG ISLAND SOUND--!
OOPS. F-FORGOT.. ONE LITTLE THING! D-DOCTOR DOOM--
ONLY CHANCE... IS ESCAPE!


MAKE PEACE WITH YOUR MAKER!
--CAN FLY!

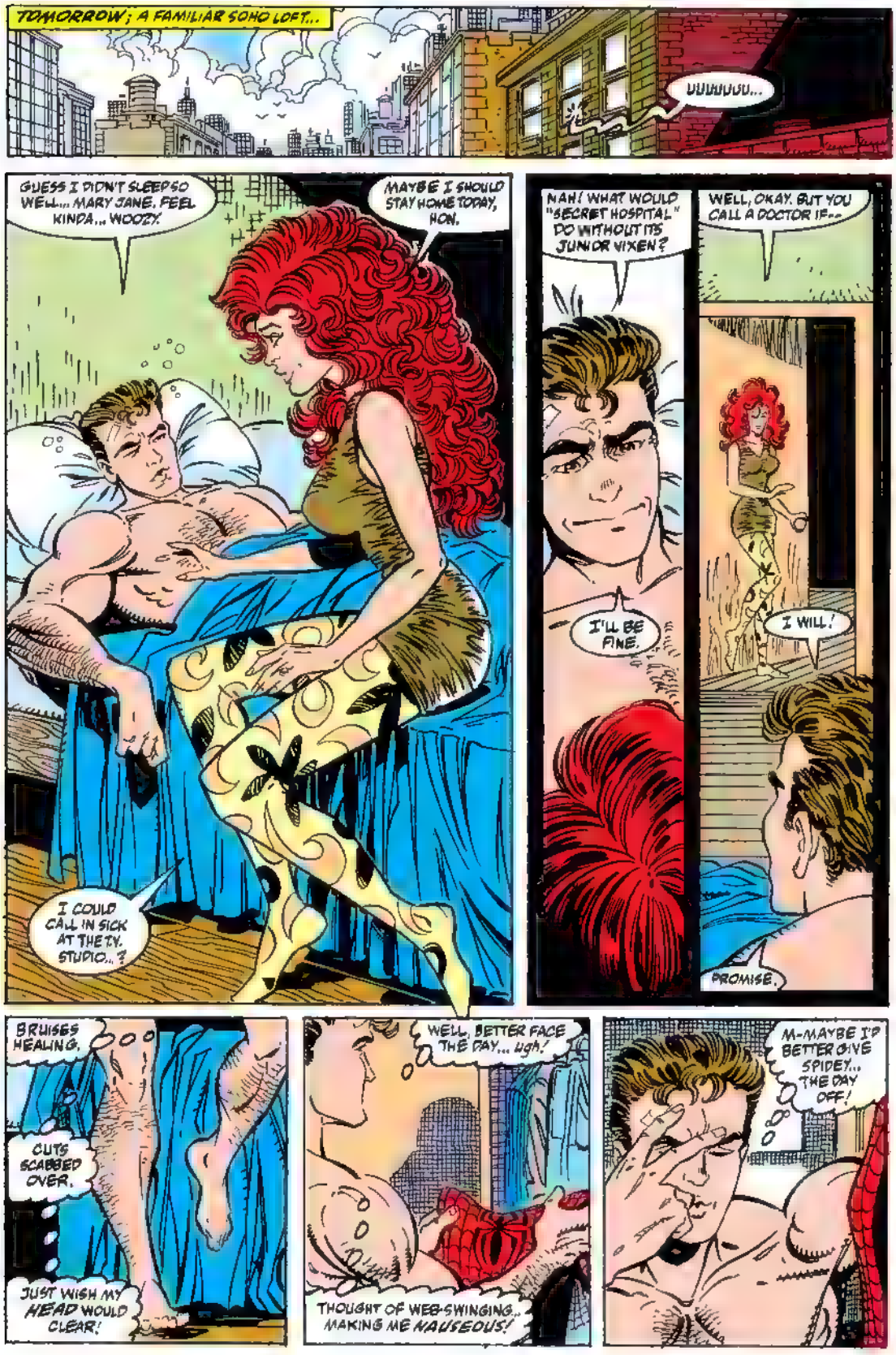

HUH? HESITATING?! B-BUT--OH, POLICE!
BUYING ME TIME... TO USE MY WITS! PLAY ON DOOM'S VANITY!
VREEOO VREEOO
J-JUST WISH... I COULD THINK STRAIGHTER!

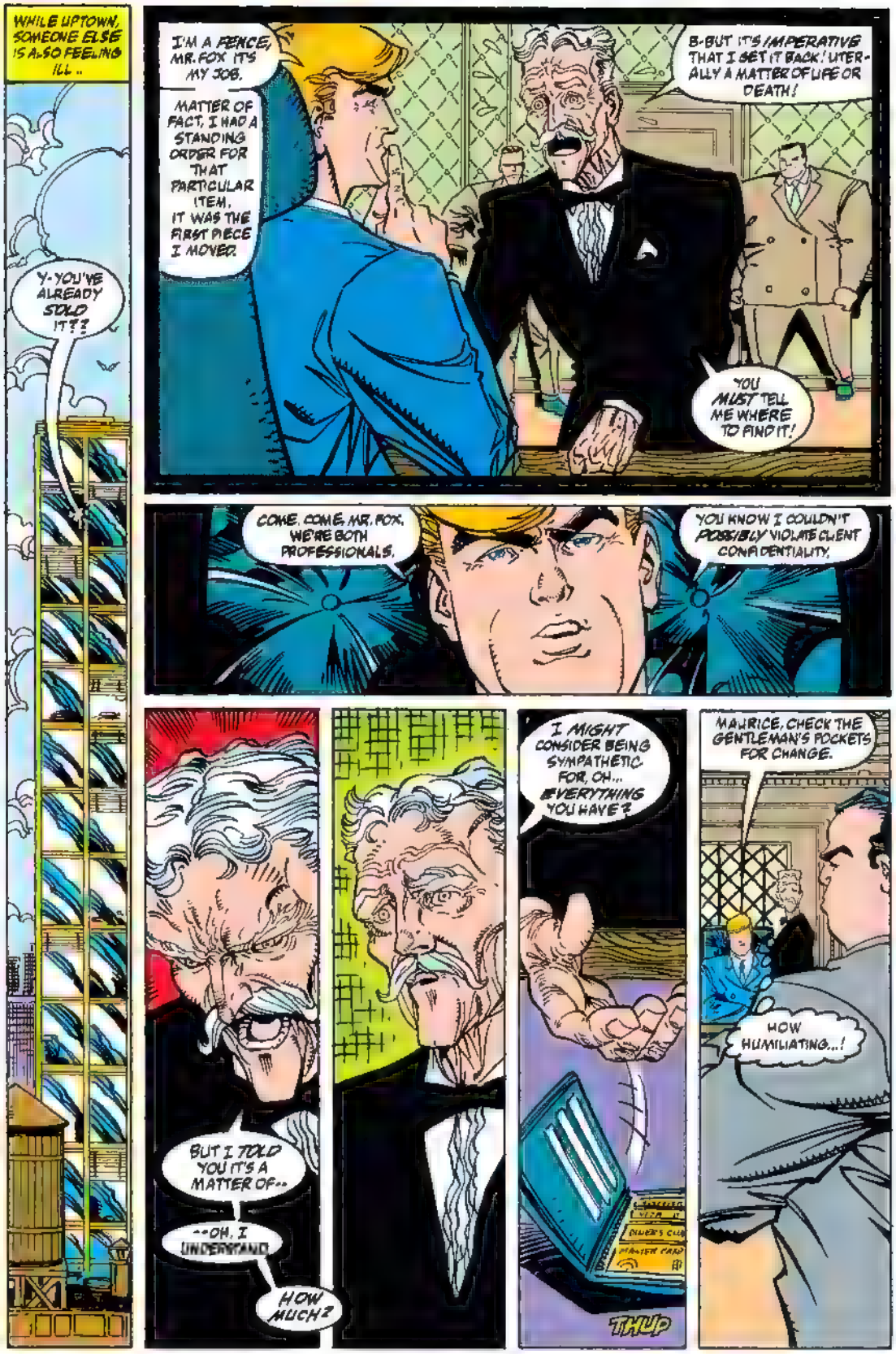

YOU FIGURE... YOU CAN KILL ME! BUT WHAT IF YOU CAN'T? WHAT IF THIS JEWEL BUSINESS GETS OUT... TO REPORTERS?
DO YOU REALLY WANT YOUR MOM'S NAME... ALL OVER THE TABLOIDS?
HNPH! MY MOTHER'S MEMORY DESERVES DIGNITY! NOT THE GAWKING CURIOSITY OF THE MASSES!

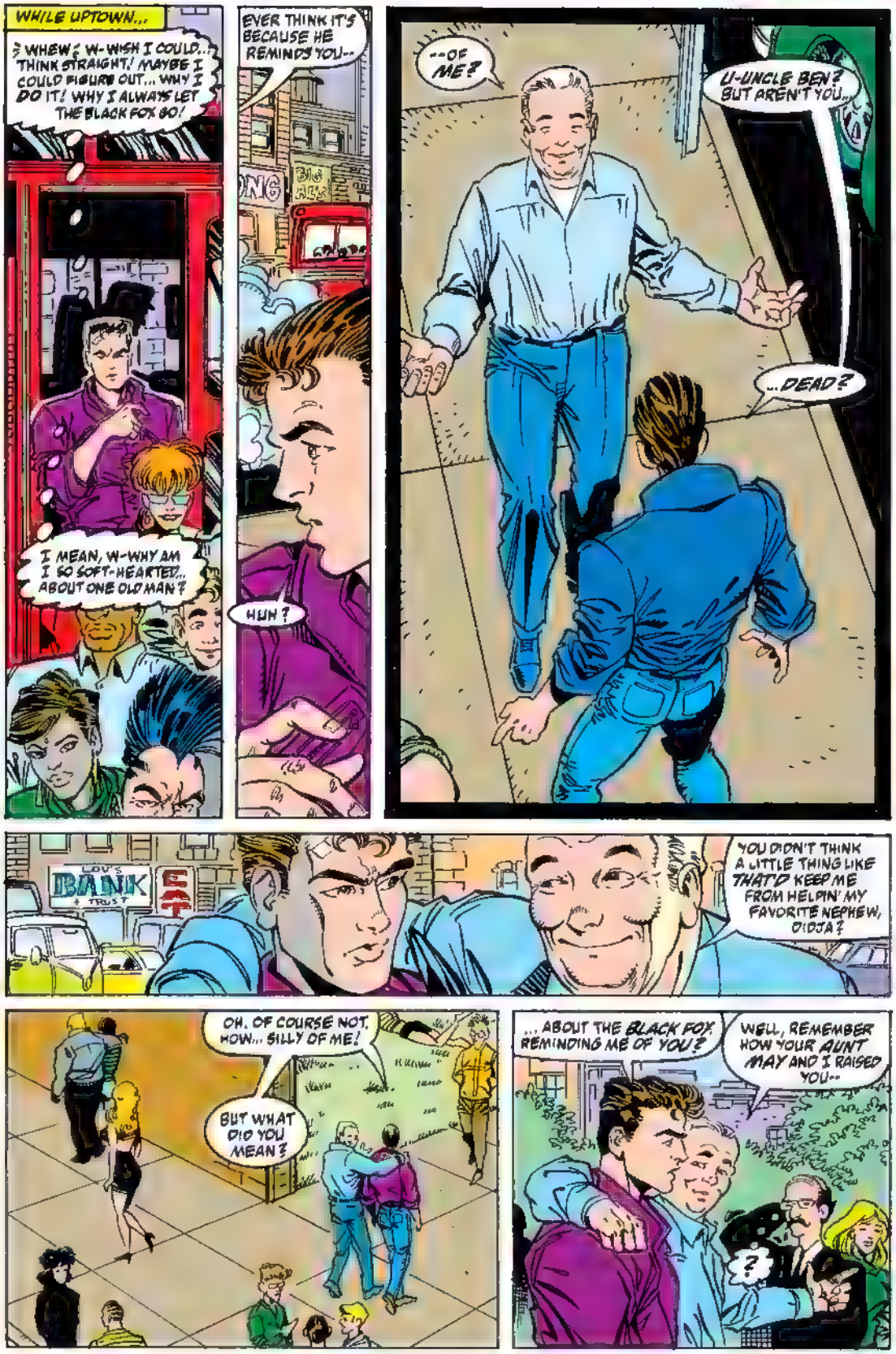

THEN GIVE ME TWENTY-FOUR HOURS! I-I'LL FIND THE FOX! AND GET THE JEWEL BACK!
HOW 'BOUT IT?

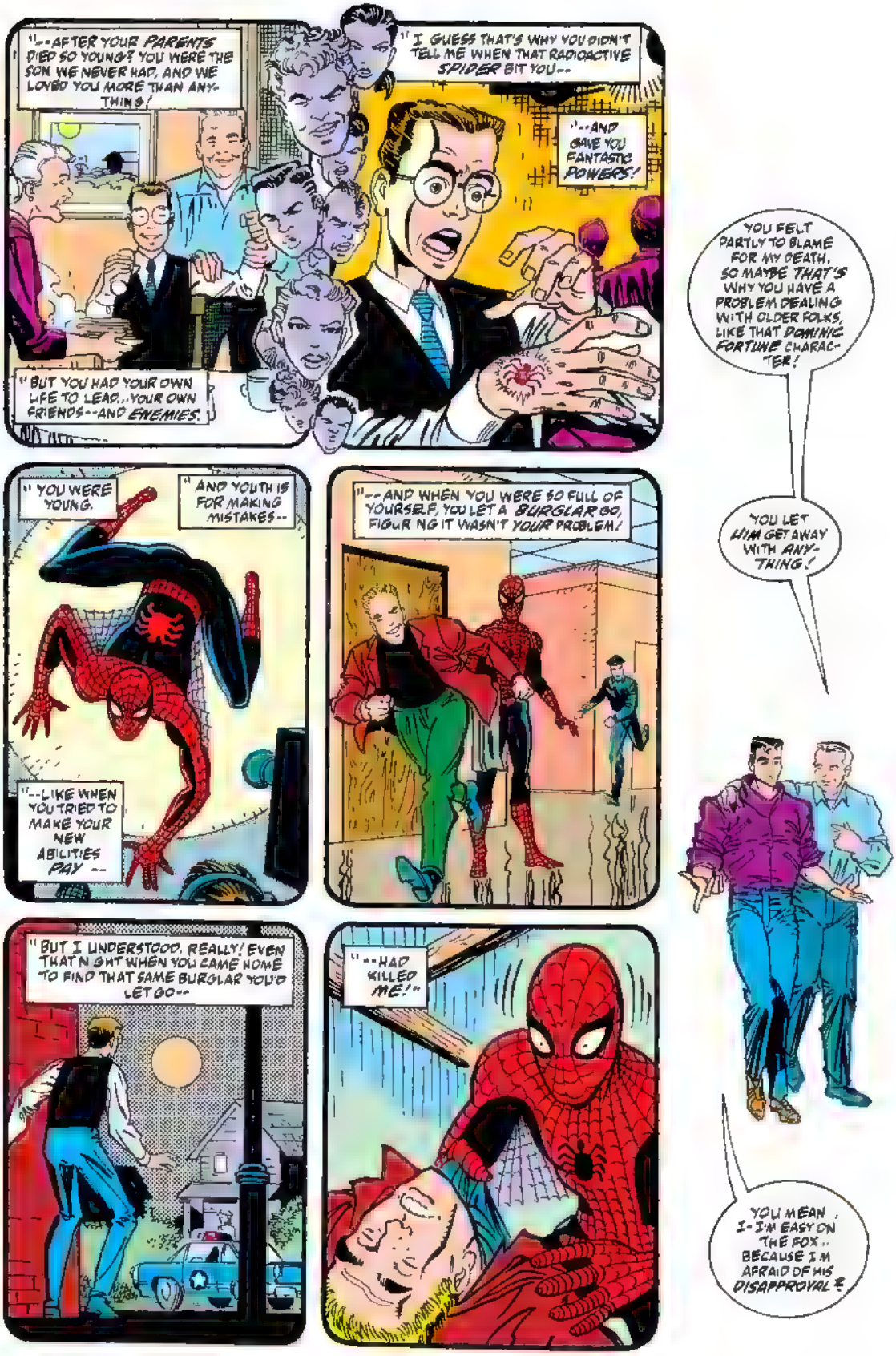

PATIENCE IS A KINGLY VIRTUE.
VERY WELL. TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.
NOT ONE SECOND MORE!
FAIL ME... AND YOU WILL BOTH DIE.

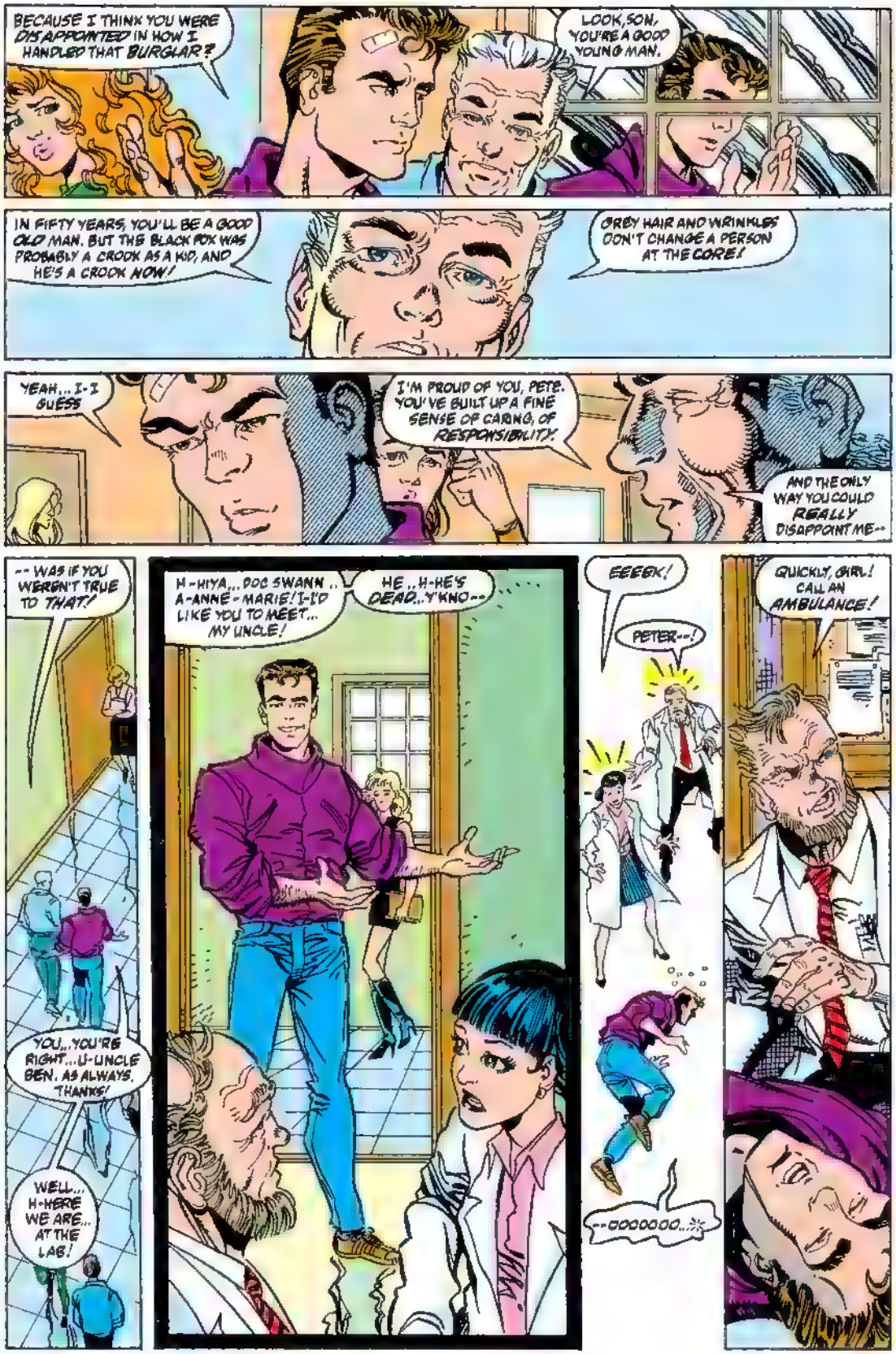

WHEW! G-GUESS I GOT... OUT OF THAT ONE!
Q-QUESTION NOW IS...
...WHAT HAVE I GOTTEN INTO?
MERCIFUL HEAVENS, WHAT HAVE I GOTTEN MYSELF INTO?!
ALL I WANTED WAS ONE FINAL SCORE! FUNDS ENOUGH TO PROVIDE A COMFORTABLE RETIREMENT ON THE FRENCH RIVIERA!
AND I THOUGHT I'D ACHIEVED THAT WHEN I PROCURED THE TRASK DIAMOND!
BUT IT SEEMS IN FINANCING THAT CAPER, I SOLD A BAUBLE THAT BELONGED TO A MADMAN'S MUM!
BETTER PUT THE DIAMOND SAFELY AWAY--
--AND THEN GET TO WORK RETRIEVING THAT BLOODY EMERALD!
WELL, MAYBE THE FIRST THING ...yawn... TOMORROW...

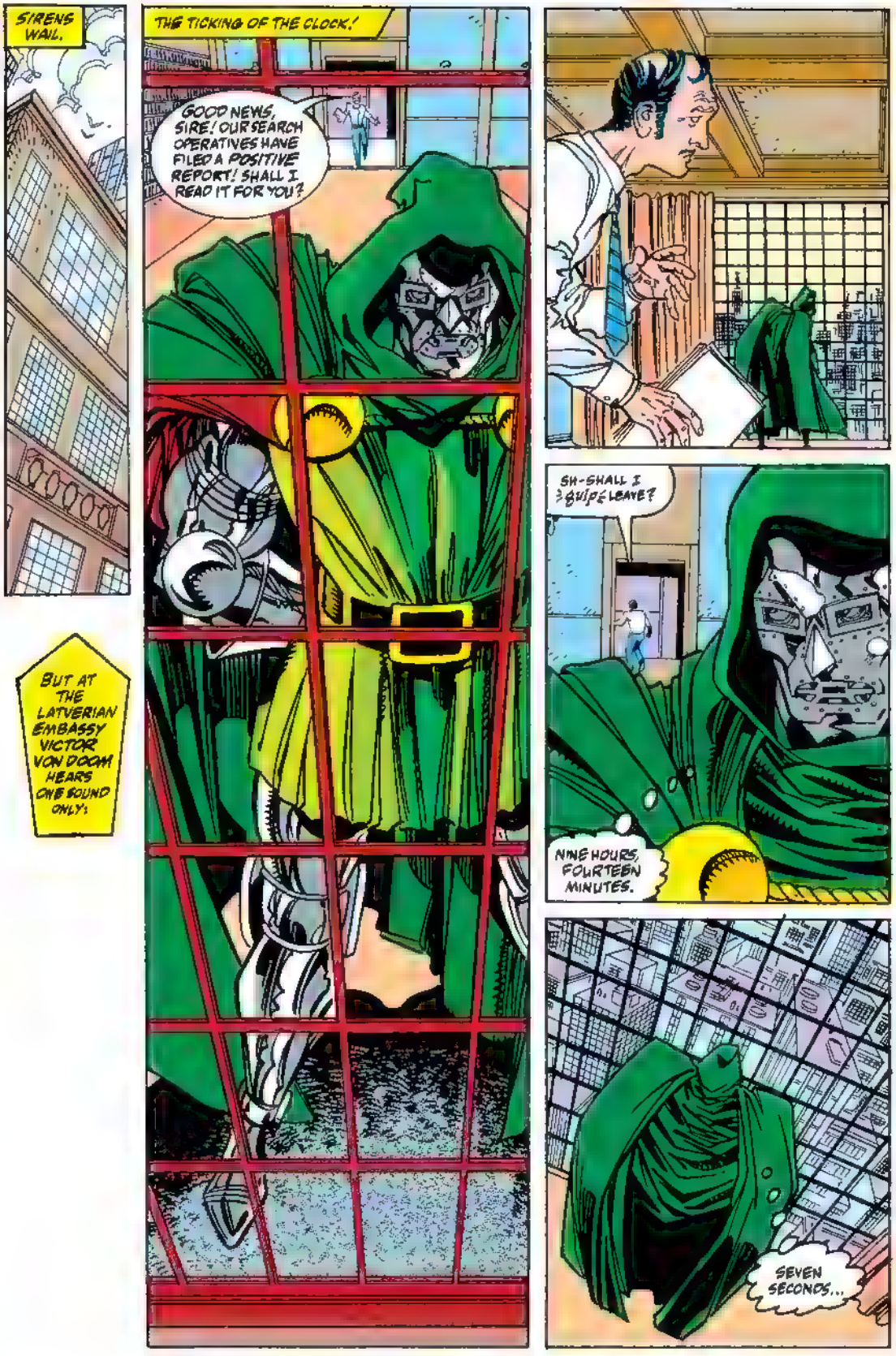

TOMORROW; A FAMILIAR SOHO LOFT...
UUUUUUU...
GUESS I DIDN'T SLEEP SO WELL... MARY JANE. FEEL KINDA... WOOZY.
MAYBE I SHOULD STAY HOME TODAY, HON.
I COULD CALL IN SICK AT THE TV. STUDIO...?
NAH! WHAT WOULD "SECRET HOSPITAL" DO WITHOUT ITS JUNIOR VIXEN?
I'LL BE FINE.
WELL, OKAY. BUT YOU CALL A DOCTOR IF--
I WILL!
PROMISE.
BRUISES HEALING.
CUTS SCABBED OVER.
JUST WISH MY HEAD WOULD CLEAR!
WELL, BETTER FACE THE DAY... UGH!
THOUGHT OF WEB-SWINGING... MAKING ME NAUSEOUS!
M-MAYBE I'D BETTER GIVE SPIDEY... THE DAY OFF!


WHILE UPTOWN, SOMEONE ELSE IS ALSO FEELING ILL..
Y-YOU'VE ALREADY SOLD IT??
I'M A FENCE, MR. FOX. IT'S MY JOB.
MATTER OF FACT, I HAD A STANDING ORDER FOR THAT PARTICULAR ITEM. IT WAS THE FIRST PIECE I MOVED.
B-BUT IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT I GET IT BACK! UTTERALLY A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH!
YOU MUST TELL ME WHERE TO FIND IT!
COME, COME, MR. FOX. WE'RE BOTH PROFESSIONALS.
YOU KNOW I COULDN'T POSSIBLY VIOLATE CLIENT CONFIDENTIALITY.
BUT I TOLD YOU IT'S A MATTER OF--
--OH, I UNDERSTAND.
HOW MUCH?
I MIGHT CONSIDER BEING SYMPATHETIC FOR, OH... EVERYTHING YOU HAVE?
THUP
MAURICE, CHECK THE GENTLEMAN'S POCKETS FOR CHANGE.
HOW HUMILIATING...!

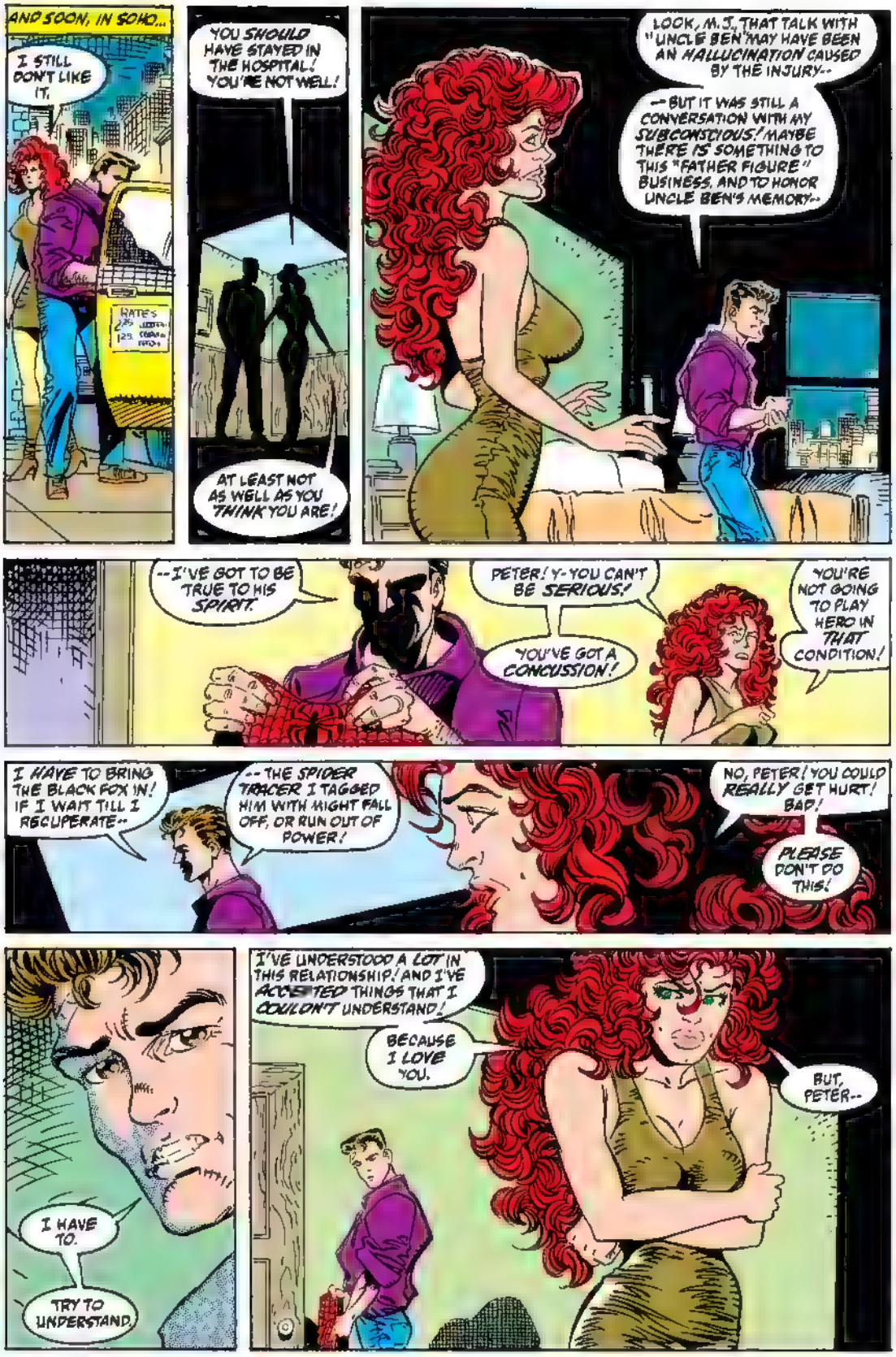

WHILE UPTOWN...
WHEW! W-WISH I COULD... THINK STRAIGHT! MAYBE I COULD FIGURE OUT... WHY I DO IT! WHY I ALWAYS LET THE BLACK FOX GO!
I MEAN, W-WHY AM I SO SOFT-HEARTED... ABOUT ONE OLD MAN?
EVER THINK IT'S BECAUSE HE REMINDS YOU--
HUH?
--OF ME?
U-UNCLE BEN? BUT AREN'T YOU...
...DEAD?
LOU'S BANK + TRUST
EAT
YOU DIDN'T THINK A LITTLE THING LIKE THAT'D KEEP ME FROM HELPIN' MY FAVORITE NEPHEW, DIDJA?
OH. OF COURSE NOT. HOW... SILLY OF ME!
BUT WHAT DID YOU MEAN?
...ABOUT THE BLACK FOX REMINDING ME OF YOU?
WELL, REMEMBER HOW YOUR AUNT MAY AND I RAISED YOU--
?

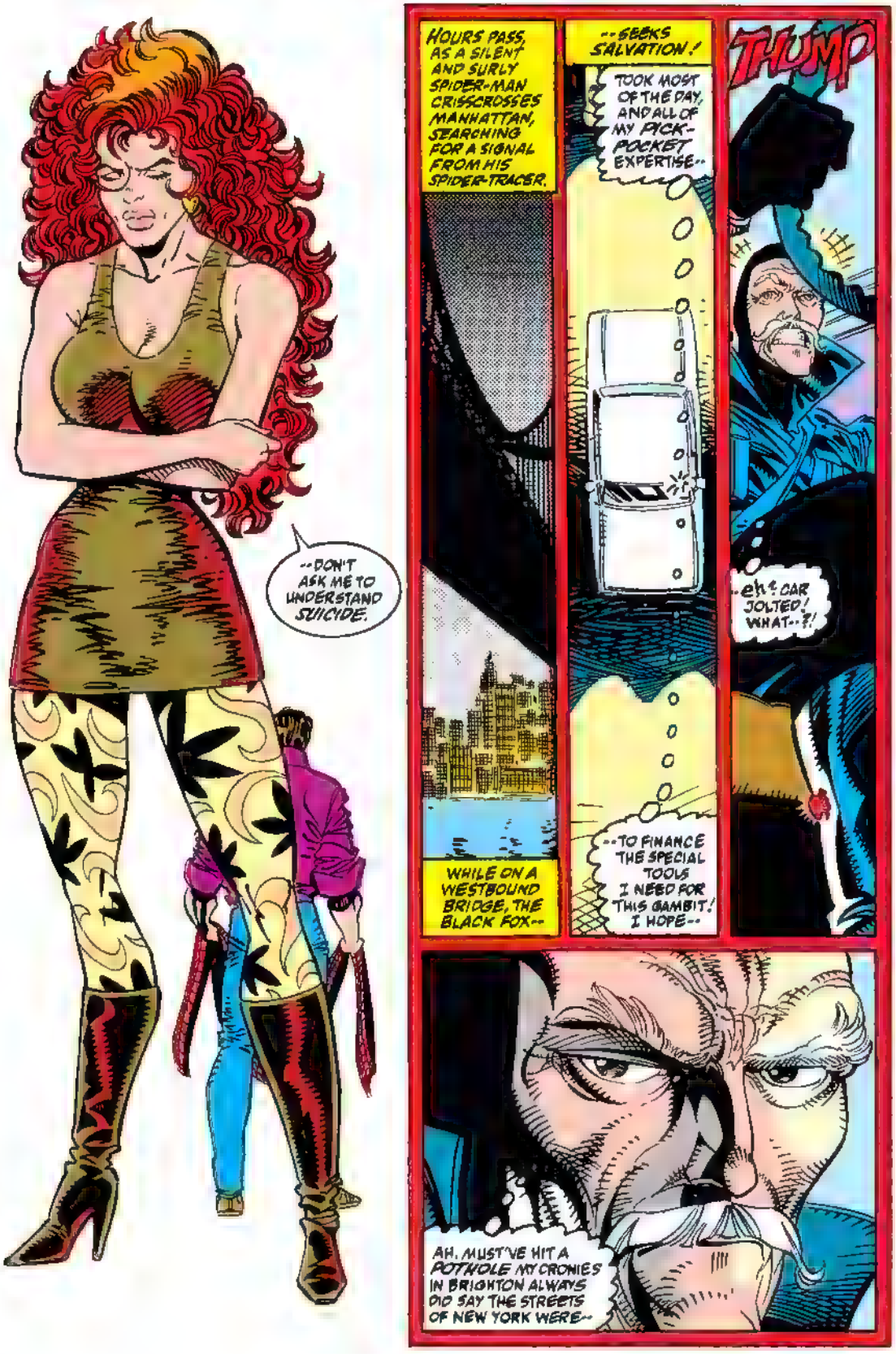

"--AFTER YOUR PARENTS DIED SO YOUNG? YOU WERE THE SON WE NEVER HAD, AND WE LOVED YOU MORE THAN ANYTHING!
"I GUESS THAT'S WHY YOU DIDN'T TELL ME WHEN THAT RADIOACTIVE SPIDER BIT YOU--
"--AND GAVE YOU FANTASTIC POWERS!
"BUT YOU HAD YOUR OWN LIFE TO LEAD...YOUR OWN FRIENDS--AND ENEMIES.
YOU FELT PARTLY TO BLAME FOR MY DEATH, SO MAYBE THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE A PROBLEM DEALING WITH OLDER FOLKS, LIKE THAT DOMINIC FORTUNE CHARACTER!
"YOU WERE YOUNG.
"AND YOUTH IS FOR MAKING MISTAKES--
"--LIKE WHEN YOU TRIED TO MAKE YOUR NEW ABILITIES PAY --
"--AND WHEN YOU WERE SO FULL OF YOURSELF, YOU LET A BURGLAR GO, FIGURING IT WASN'T YOUR PROBLEM!
YOU LET HIM GET AWAY WITH ANYTHING!
"BUT I UNDERSTOOD, REALLY! EVEN THAT NIGHT WHEN YOU CAME HOME TO FIND THAT SAME BURGLAR YOU'D LET GO--
"--HAD KILLED ME!"
YOU MEAN, I--I'M EASY ON THE FOX... BECAUSE I'M AFRAID OF HIS DISAPPROVAL?

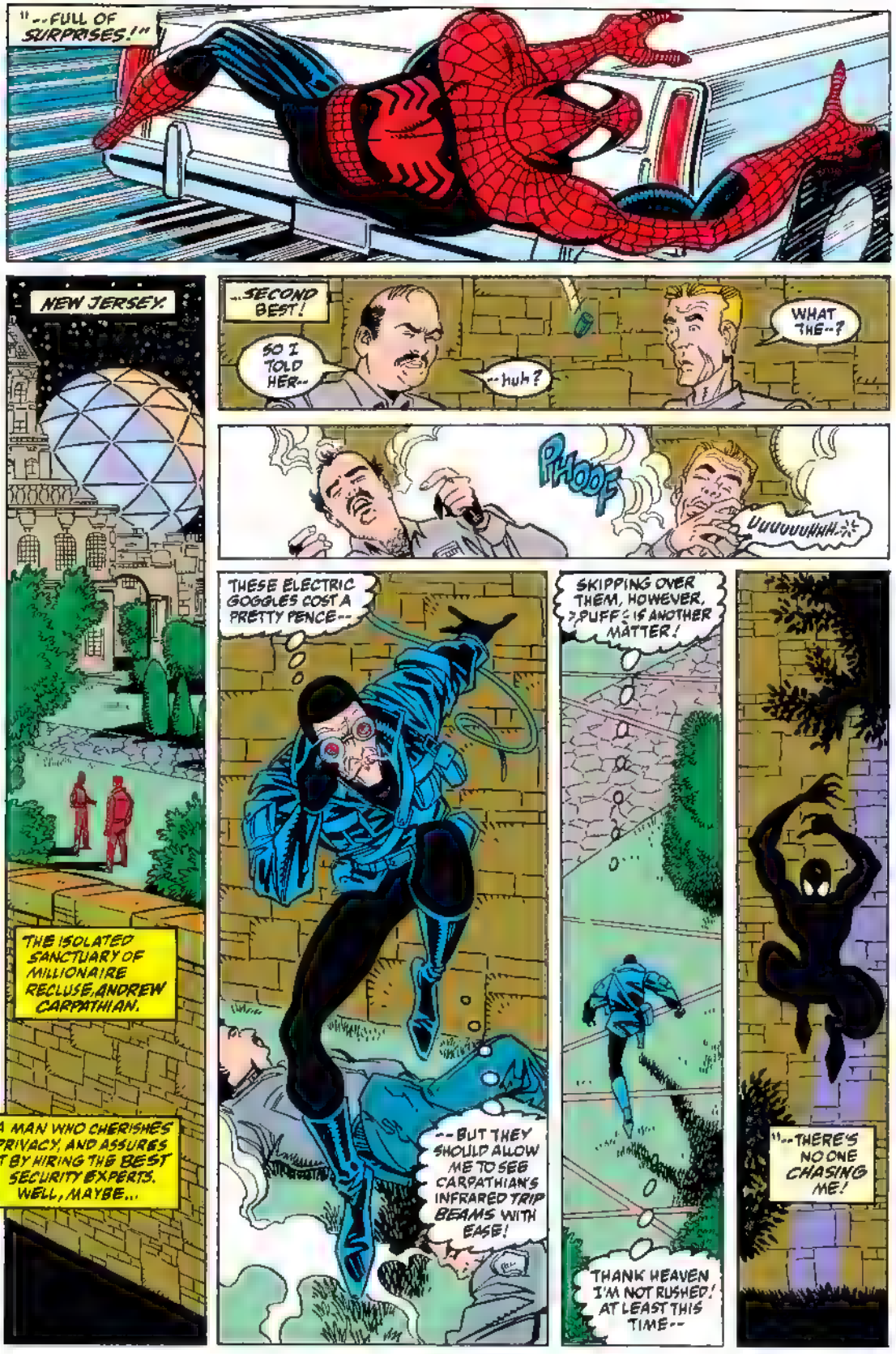

BECAUSE I THINK YOU WERE DISAPPOINTED IN HOW I HANDLED THAT BURGLAR?
LOOK, SON, YOU'RE A GOOD YOUNG MAN.
IN FIFTY YEARS, YOU'LL BE A GOOD OLD MAN. BUT THE BLACK FOX WAS PROBABLY A CROOK AS A KID, AND HE'S A CROOK NOW!
GREY HAIR AND WRINKLES DON'T CHANGE A PERSON AT THE CORE!
YEAH... I-I GUESS
I'M PROUD OF YOU, PETE. YOU'VE BUILT UP A FINE SENSE OF CARING, OF RESPONSIBILITY.
AND THE ONLY WAY YOU COULD REALLY DISAPPOINT ME--
-- WAS IF YOU WEREN'T TRUE TO THAT!
H-HIYA,.. DOC SWANN .. A-ANNE-MARIE! I-I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET... MY UNCLE!
HE,.. H-HE'S DEAD,.. Y'KNO--
EEEEK!
PETER--!
QUICKLY, GIRL! CALL AN AMBULANCE!
YOU,.. YOU'RE RIGHT... U-UNCLE BEN. AS ALWAYS. THANKS!
WELL... H-HERE WE ARE... AT THE LAB!
--OOOOOOO...

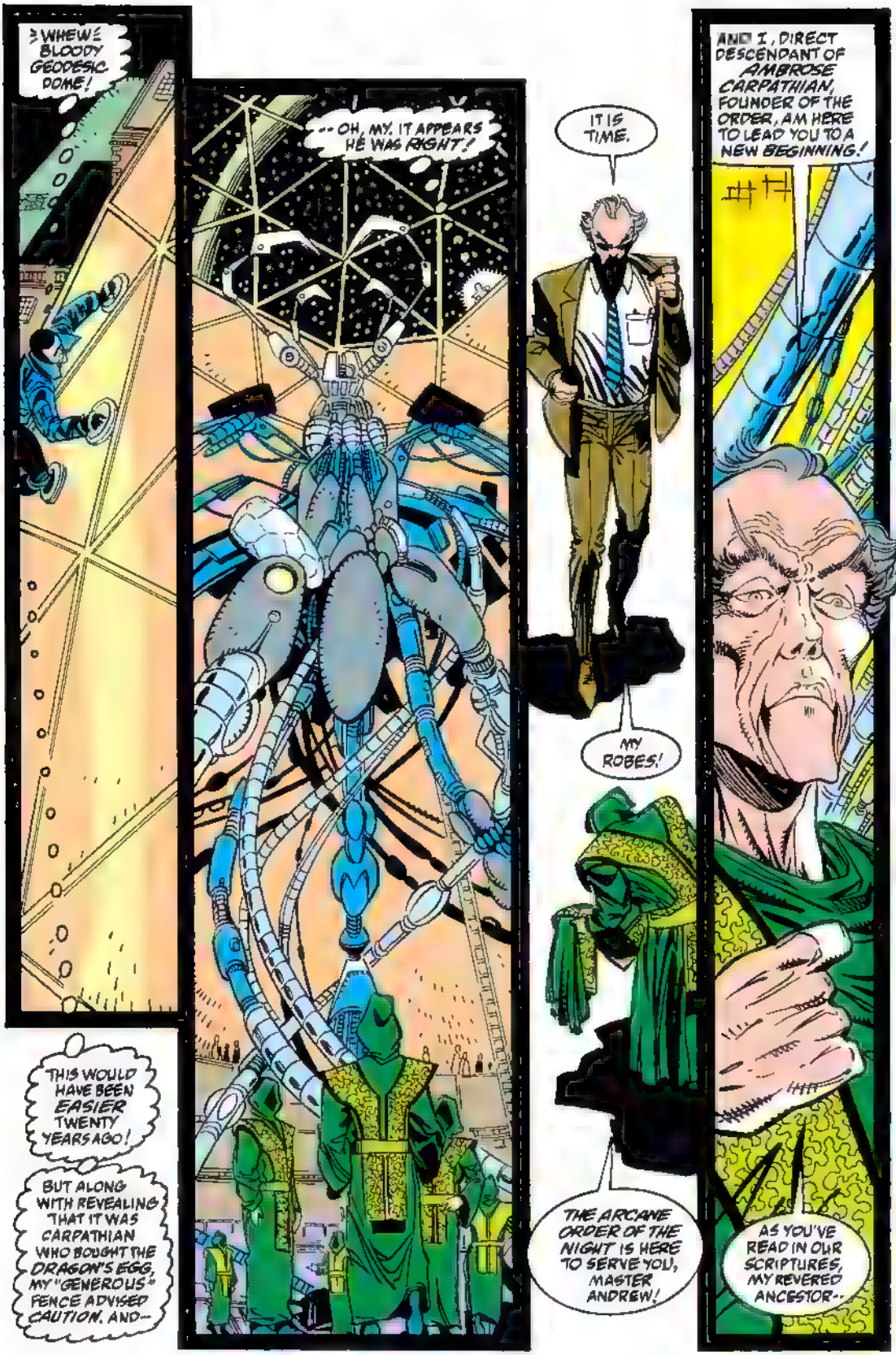

SIRENS WAIL.
BUT AT THE LATVERIAN EMBASSY VICTOR VON DOOM HEARS ONE SOUND ONLY:
THE TICKING OF THE CLOCK!
GOOD NEWS, SIRE! OUR SEARCH OPERATIVES HAVE FILED A POSITIVE REPORT! SHALL I READ IT FOR YOU?
SH-SHALL I ¿QUÍPÉ LEAVE?
NINE HOURS, FOURTEEN MINUTES.
SEVEN SECONDS...

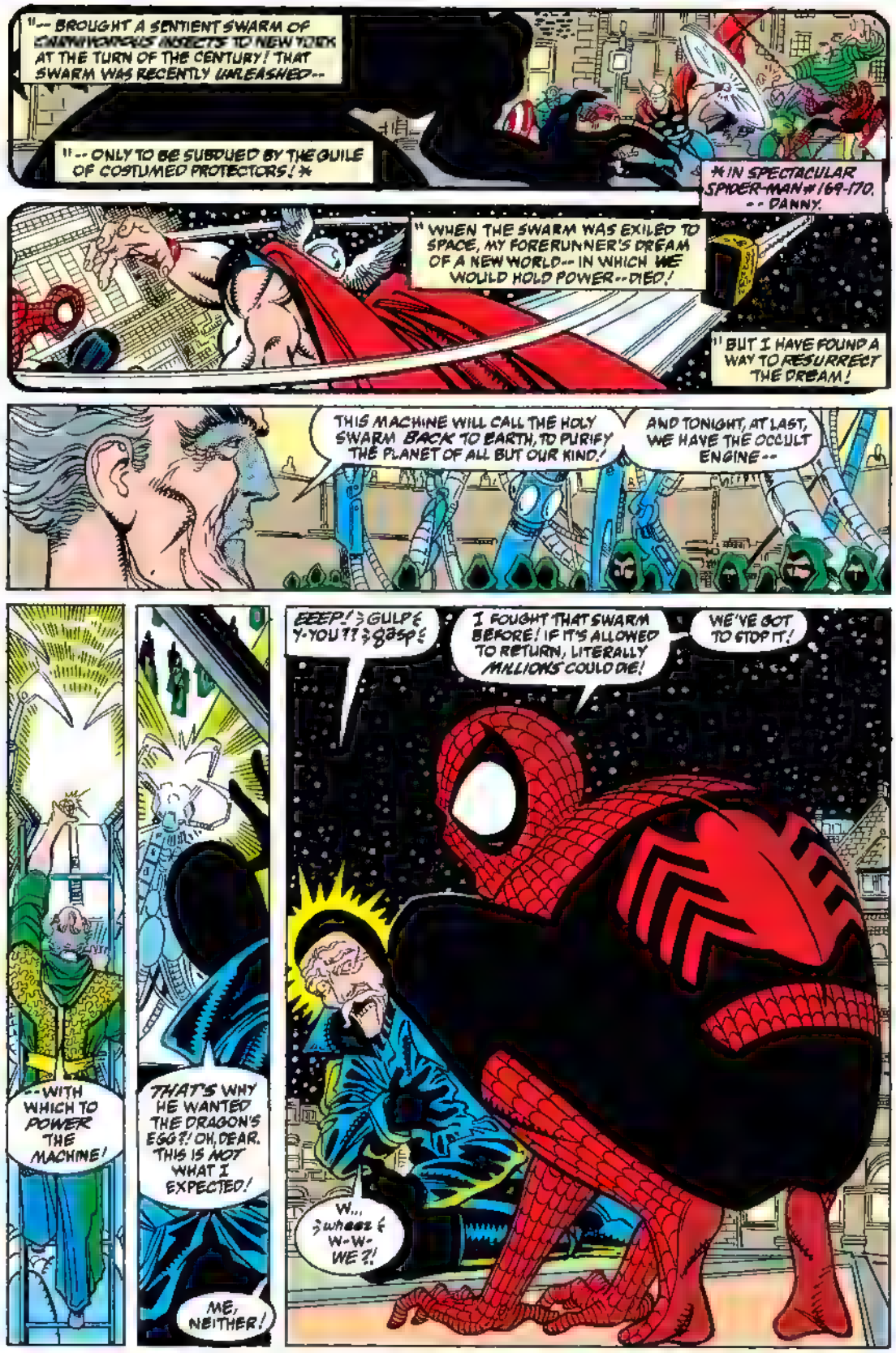

UNFORTUNATELY, PETER PARKER SPENDS SEVERAL OF THOSE HOURS IN THE EMERGENCY WARD OF BLESSING HOSPITAL!
WHERE...
YOUR CONCUSSION IS MILD, MR. PARKER, CONSISTENT WITH YOUR HAVING FALLEN DOWN A FLIGHT OF STAIRS. BUT ARE YOU SURE YOU HAVEN'T HAD ANY... DELUSIONS? ABERRATIONS?
THEY'RE QUITE COMMON WITH THIS TYPE OF INJURY.
UH, NO! N-NONE AT ALL!
CAN'T TELL HER THE TRUTH! LIKE I CAN'T TELL HER THE REAL REASON I WAS INJURED WAS BECAUSE DOCTOR DOOM SLAMMED ME THROUGH A COUPLE OF BUILDINGS!
TAKE ONE OF THESE EVERY FOUR HOURS.
THANKS, DOCTOR JESSUP. I'M FEELING BETTER NOW
AND I'D FEEL BETTER--
--IF YOU'D RECONSIDER STAYING OVERNIGHT FOR OBSERVATION!
SO WOULD I!
SORRY, TOO MANY THINGS TO DO. BUT I'LL BE CAREFUL-- I PROMISE!

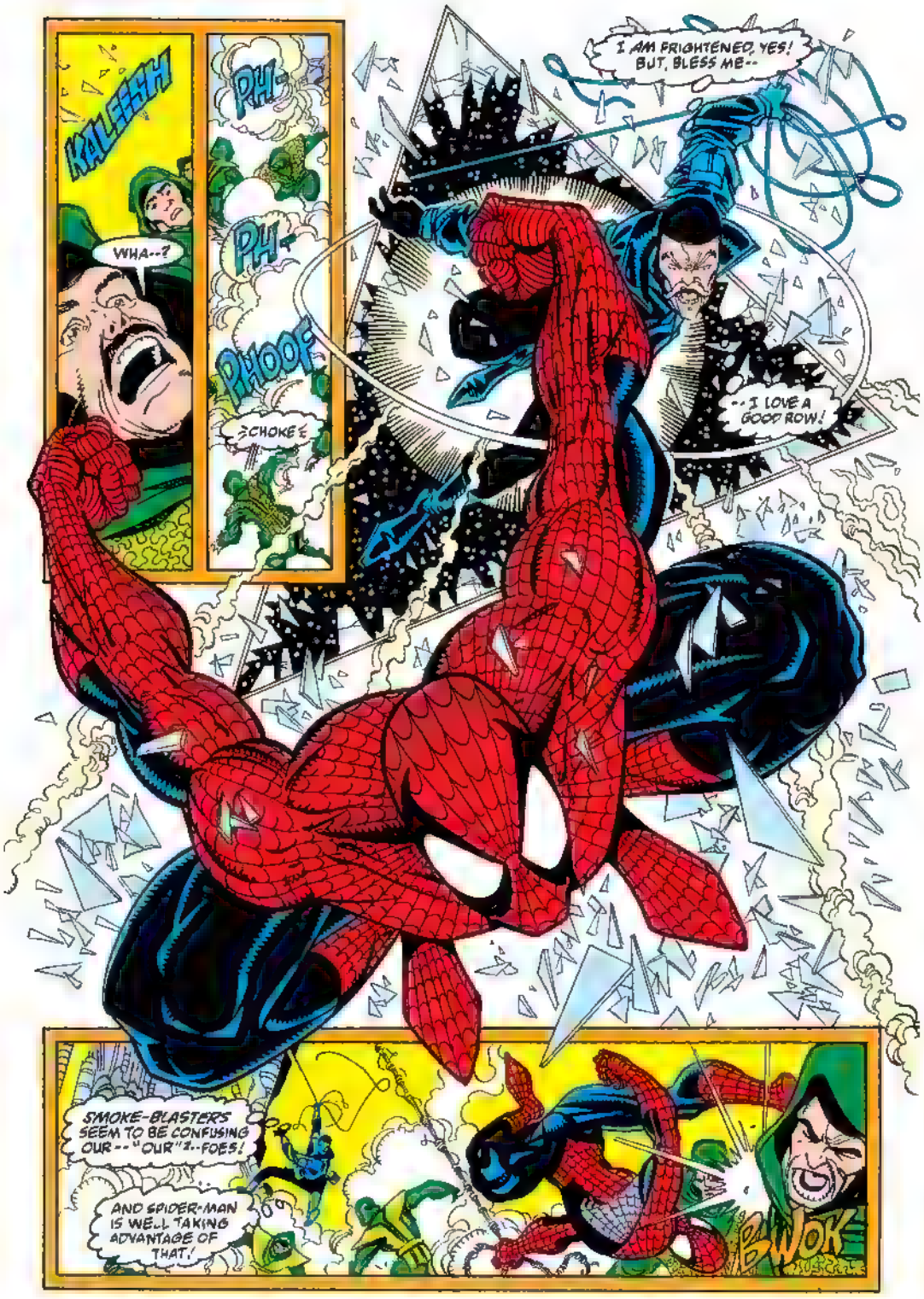

AND SOON, IN SOHO...
I STILL DON'T LIKE IT.
RATES
YOU SHOULD HAVE STAYED IN THE HOSPITAL! YOU'RE NOT WELL!
AT LEAST NOT AS WELL AS YOU THINK YOU ARE!
LOOK, M.J., THAT TALK WITH "UNCLE BEN" MAY HAVE BEEN AN HALLUCINATION CAUSED BY THE INJURY--
--BUT IT WAS STILL A CONVERSATION WITH MY SUBCONSCIOUS! MAYBE THERE IS SOMETHING TO THIS "FATHER FIGURE" BUSINESS, AND TO HONOR UNCLE BEN'S MEMORY--
--I'VE GOT TO BE TRUE TO HIS SPIRIT.
PETER! Y-YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!
YOU'VE GOT A CONCUSSION!
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO PLAY HERO IN THAT CONDITION!
I HAVE TO BRING THE BLACK FOX IN! IF I WAIT TILL I RECUPERATE--
-- THE SPIDER TRACER I TAGGED HIM WITH MIGHT FALL OFF, OR RUN OUT OF POWER!
NO, PETER! YOU COULD REALLY GET HURT! BAD!
PLEASE DON'T DO THIS!
I HAVE TO.
TRY TO UNDERSTAND.
I'VE UNDERSTOOD A LOT IN THIS RELATIONSHIP! AND I'VE ACCEPTED THINGS THAT I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND!
BECAUSE I LOVE YOU.
BUT, PETER--


--DON'T ASK ME TO UNDERSTAND SUICIDE.
HOURS PASS, AS A SILENT AND SURLY SPIDER-MAN CRISSCROSSES MANHATTAN, SEARCHING FOR A SIGNAL FROM HIS SPIDER-TRACER.
WHILE ON A WESTBOUND BRIDGE, THE BLACK FOX--
--SEEKS SALVATION!
TOOK MOST OF THE DAY, AND ALL OF MY PICK-POCKET EXPERTISE--
--TO FINANCE THE SPECIAL TOOLS I NEED FOR THIS GAMBIT, I HOPE--
THUMP
..eh? CAR JOLTED! WHAT--?!
AH. MUST'VE HIT A POTHOLE MY CRONIES IN BRIGHTON ALWAYS DID SAY THE STREETS OF NEW YORK WERE--

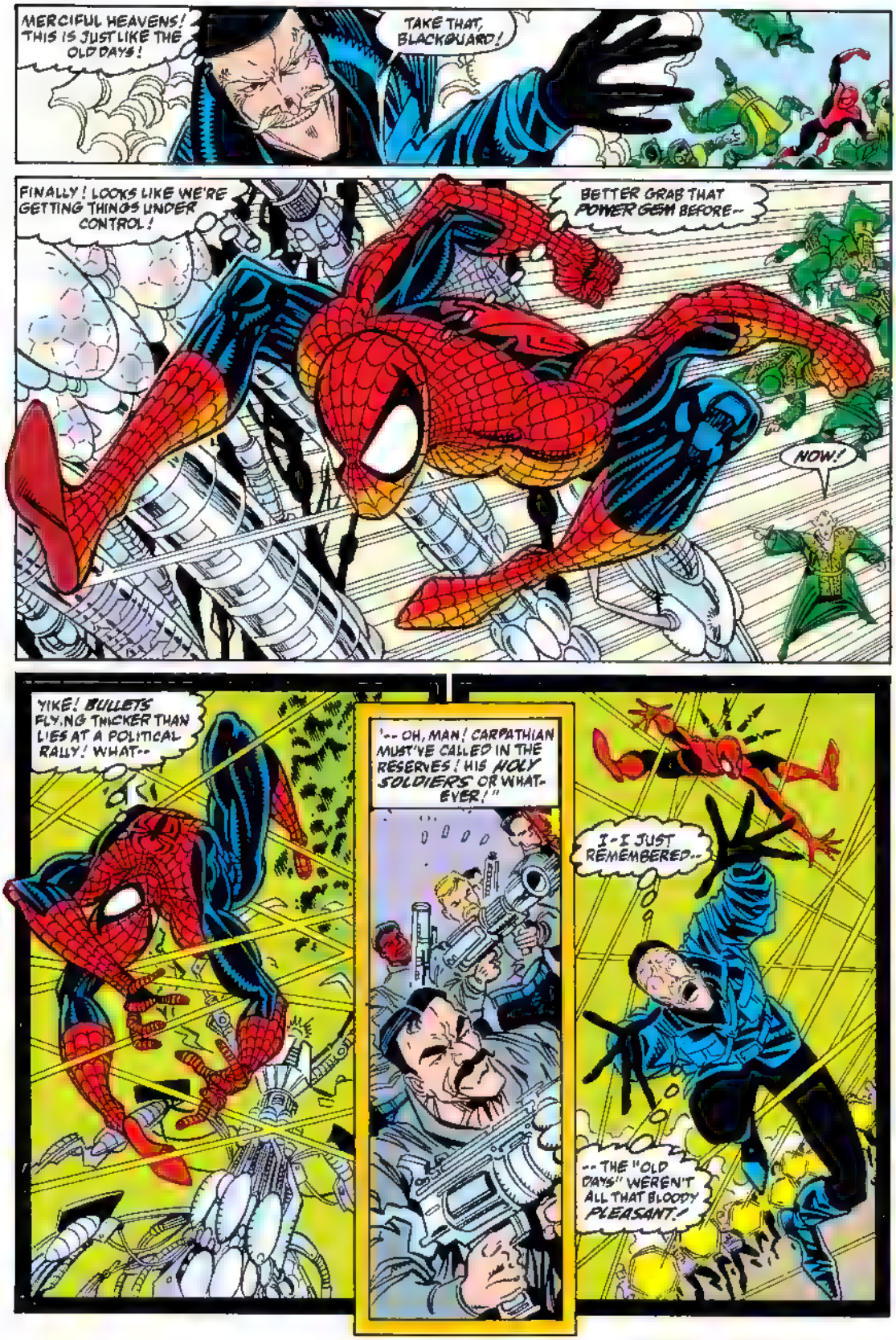

"--FULL OF SURPRISES!"
NEW JERSEY.
THE ISOLATED SANCTUARY OF MILLIONAIRE RECLUSE, ANDREW CARPATHIAN.
A MAN WHO CHERISHES PRIVACY, AND ASSURES IT BY HIRING THE BEST SECURITY EXPERTS. WELL, MAYBE...
--SECOND BEST!
SO I TOLD HER--
--huh?
WHAT THE--?
PHOOF
UUUUUUHH!
THESE ELECTRIC GOGGLES COST A PRETTY PENCE--
--BUT THEY SHOULD ALLOW ME TO SEE CARPATHIAN'S INFRARED TRIP BEAMS WITH EASE!
SKIPPING OVER THEM, HOWEVER, PUFF IS ANOTHER MATTER!
THANK HEAVEN I'M NOT RUSHED! AT LEAST THIS TIME--
"--THERE'S NO ONE CHASING ME!

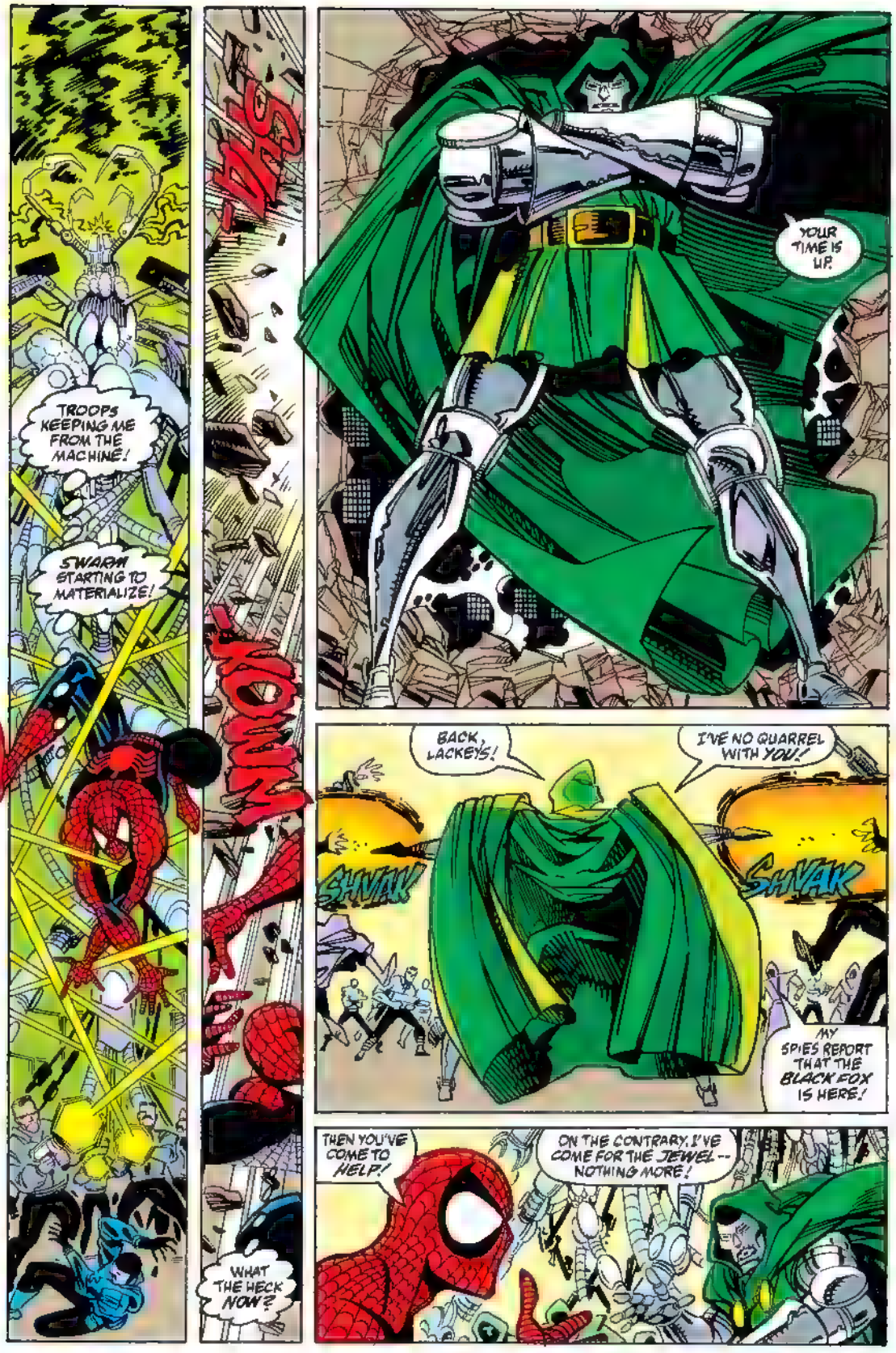

WHEW! BLOODY GEODESIC DOME!
-- OH, MY. IT APPEARS HE WAS RIGHT!
IT IS TIME.
MY ROBES!
AND I, DIRECT DESCENDANT OF AMBROSE CARPATHIAN, FOUNDER OF THE ORDER, AM HERE TO LEAD YOU TO A NEW BEGINNING!
THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN EASIER TWENTY YEARS AGO!
BUT ALONG WITH REVEALING THAT IT WAS CARPATHIAN WHO BOUGHT THE DRAGON'S EGG, MY "GENEROUS" FENCE ADVISED CAUTION. AND--
THE ARCANE ORDER OF THE NIGHT IS HERE TO SERVE YOU, MASTER ANDREW!
AS YOU'VE READ IN OUR SCRIPTURES, MY REVERED ANCESTOR--

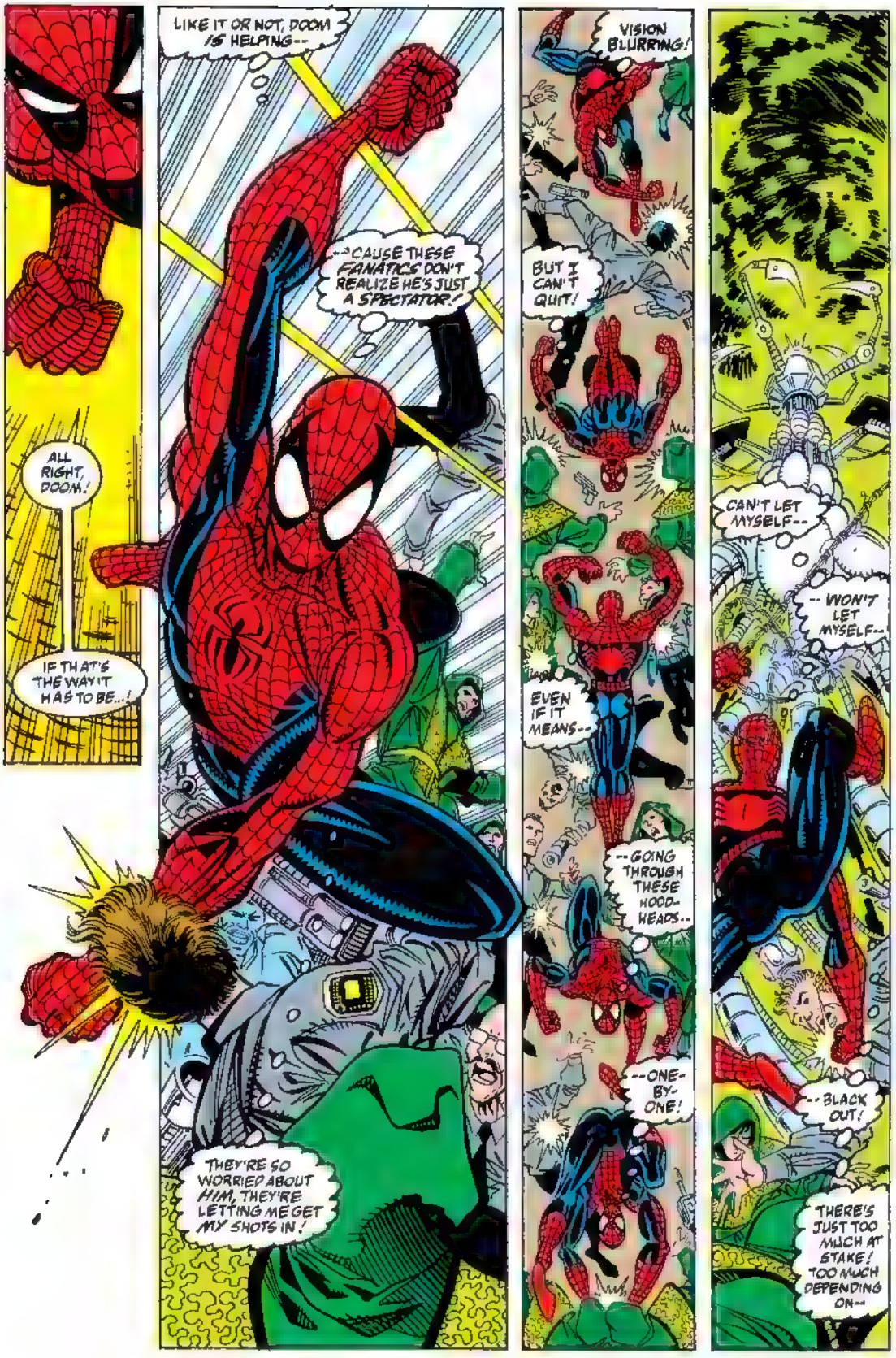

"-- BROUGHT A SENTIENT SWARM OF CHITIN-WRAPPED INSECTS TO NEW YORK AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY! THAT SWARM WAS RECENTLY UNLEASHED--
"-- ONLY TO BE SUBDUED BY THE GUILE OF COSTUMED PROTECTORS! *
* IN SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #169-170. -- DANNY.
"WHEN THE SWARM WAS EXILED TO SPACE, MY FORERUNNER'S DREAM OF A NEW WORLD-- IN WHICH HE WOULD HOLD POWER-- DIED!
"BUT I HAVE FOUND A WAY TO RESURRECT THE DREAM!
THIS MACHINE WILL CALL THE HOLY SWARM BACK TO EARTH, TO PURIFY THE PLANET OF ALL BUT OUR KIND!
AND TONIGHT, AT LAST, WE HAVE THE OCCULT ENGINE--
--WITH WHICH TO POWER THE MACHINE!
THAT'S WHY HE WANTED THE DRAGON'S EGG?! OH, DEAR. THIS IS NOT WHAT I EXPECTED!
ME, NEITHER!
EEEP! GULP Y-YOU?! GASP
I FOUGHT THAT SWARM BEFORE! IF IT'S ALLOWED TO RETURN, LITERALLY MILLIONS COULD DIE!
WE'VE GOT TO STOP IT!
W... WHEEZ W-W-WE?!

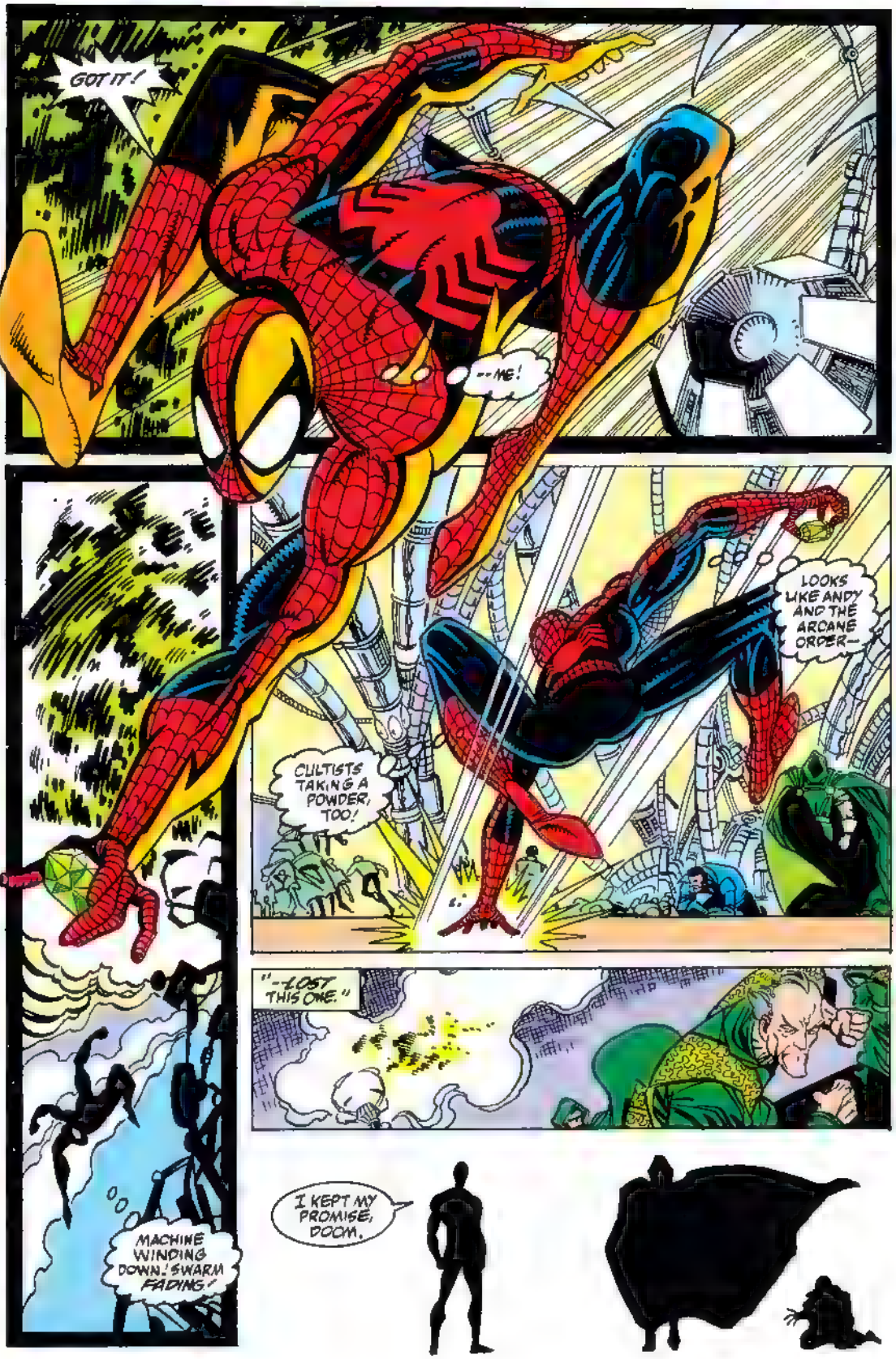

KALAHH
WHA--?
PH-
PH-
PHOOF
CHOKE
I AM FRIGHTENED, YES! BUT, BLESS ME--
--I LOVE A GOOD ROW!
SMOKE-BLASTERS SEEM TO BE CONFUSING OUR--"OUR"!--FOES!
AND SPIDER-MAN IS WELL TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THAT!
BWOK

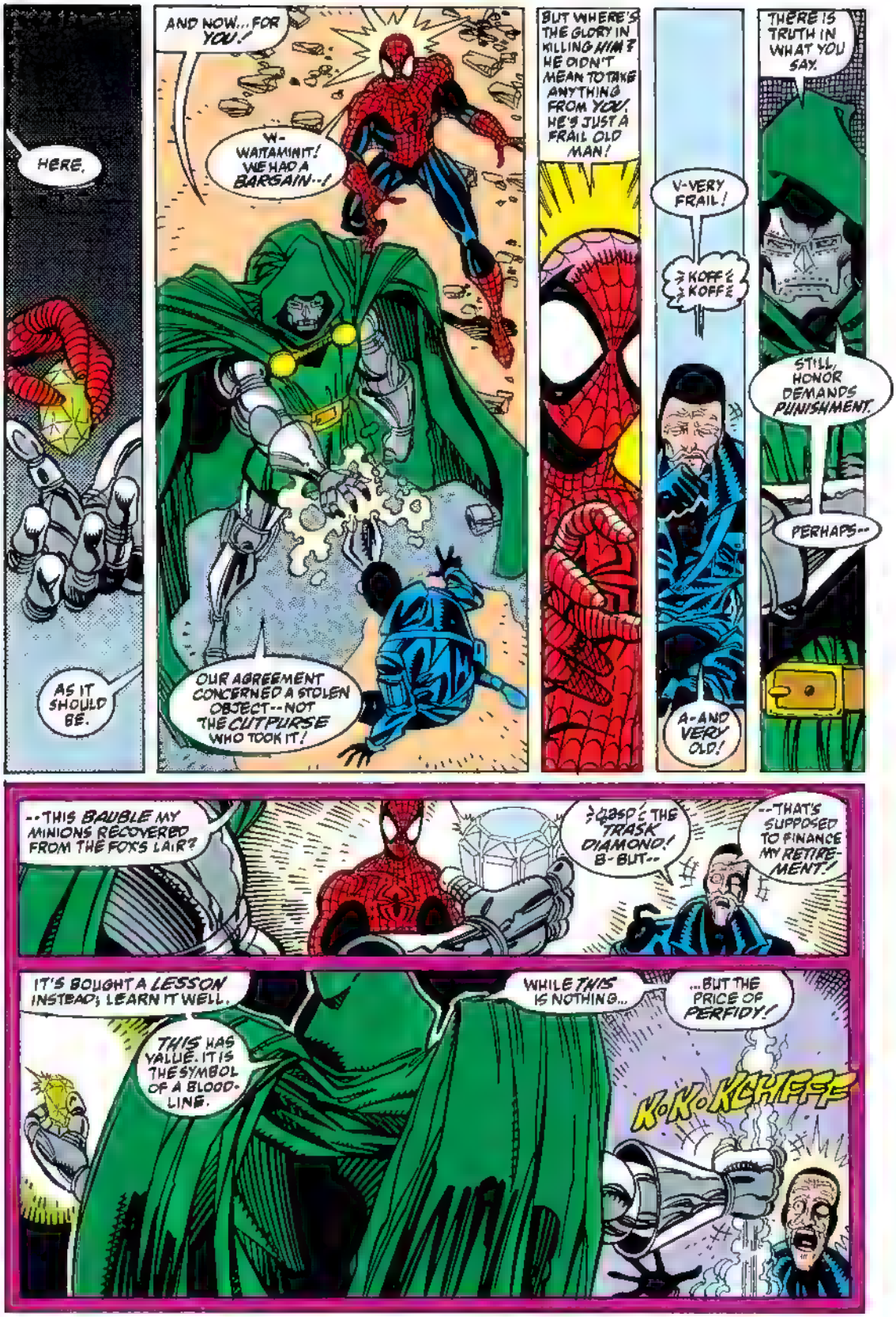

THESE CULTISTS ARE ENTHUSIASTIC, BUT NOT TERRIBLY WELL ARMED!
GOOD THING, TOO! MY HEAD'S STARTING TO THROB!
AGH! hng
BLAM
oonf S-SLOWING DOWN!
OVERDUE FOR MY MEDICATION!
T-TAKING HITS I SHOULDN'T!
AGH! hngz
BLAM
BUT NOT EACH OTHER!
MISSED ME!

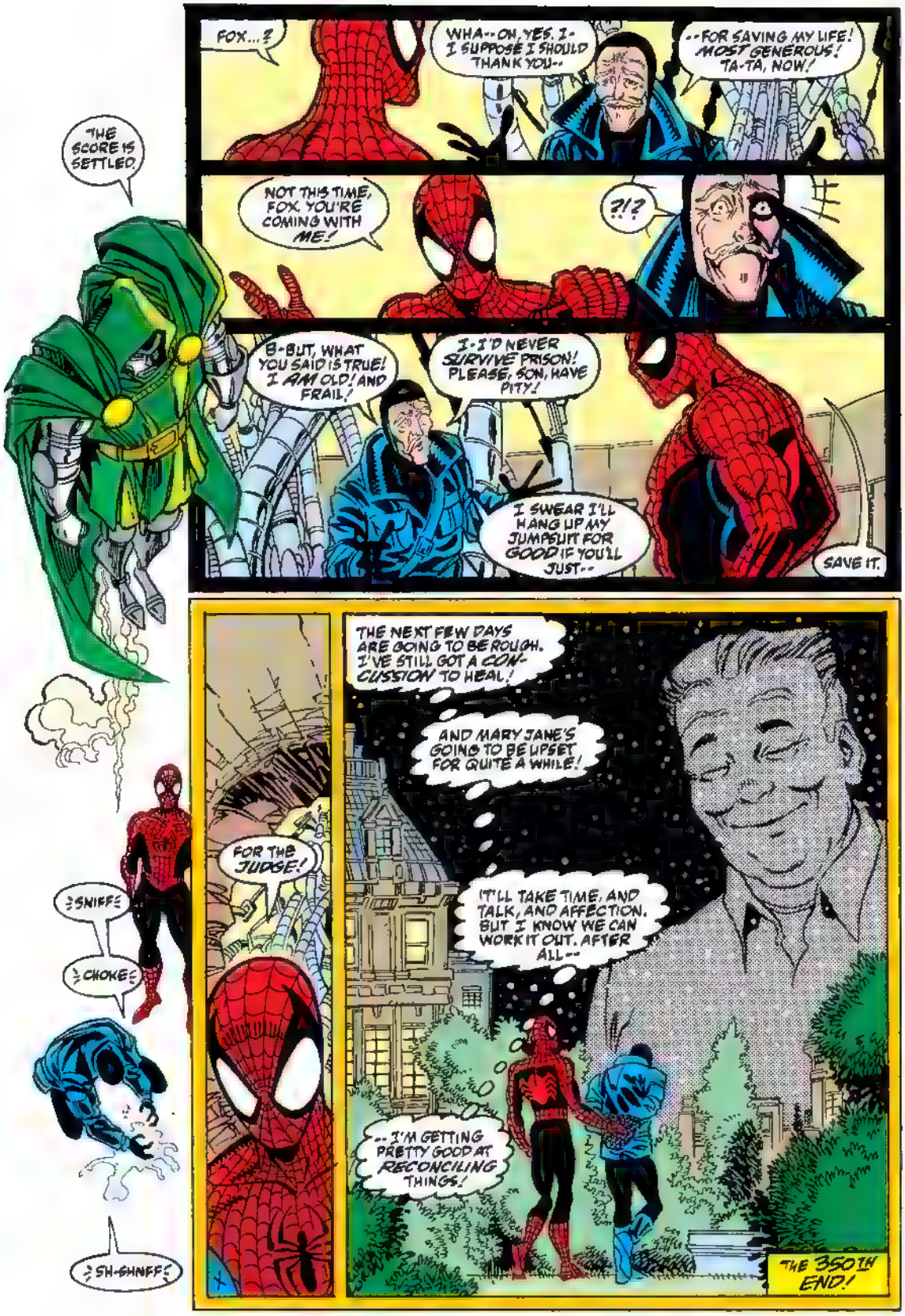

MERCIFUL HEAVENS! THIS IS JUST LIKE THE OLD DAYS!
TAKE THAT, BLACKGUARD!
FINALLY! LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GETTING THINGS UNDER CONTROL!
BETTER GRAB THAT POWER GEM BEFORE--
NOW!
YIKE! BULLETS FLYING THICKER THAN LIES AT A POLITICAL RALLY! WHAT--
"-- OH, MAN! CARPATHIAN MUST'VE CALLED IN THE RESERVES! HIS HOLY SOLDIERS OR WHATEVER!"
I-I JUST REMEMBERED--
-- THE "OLD DAYS" WEREN'T ALL THAT BLOODY PLEASANT!

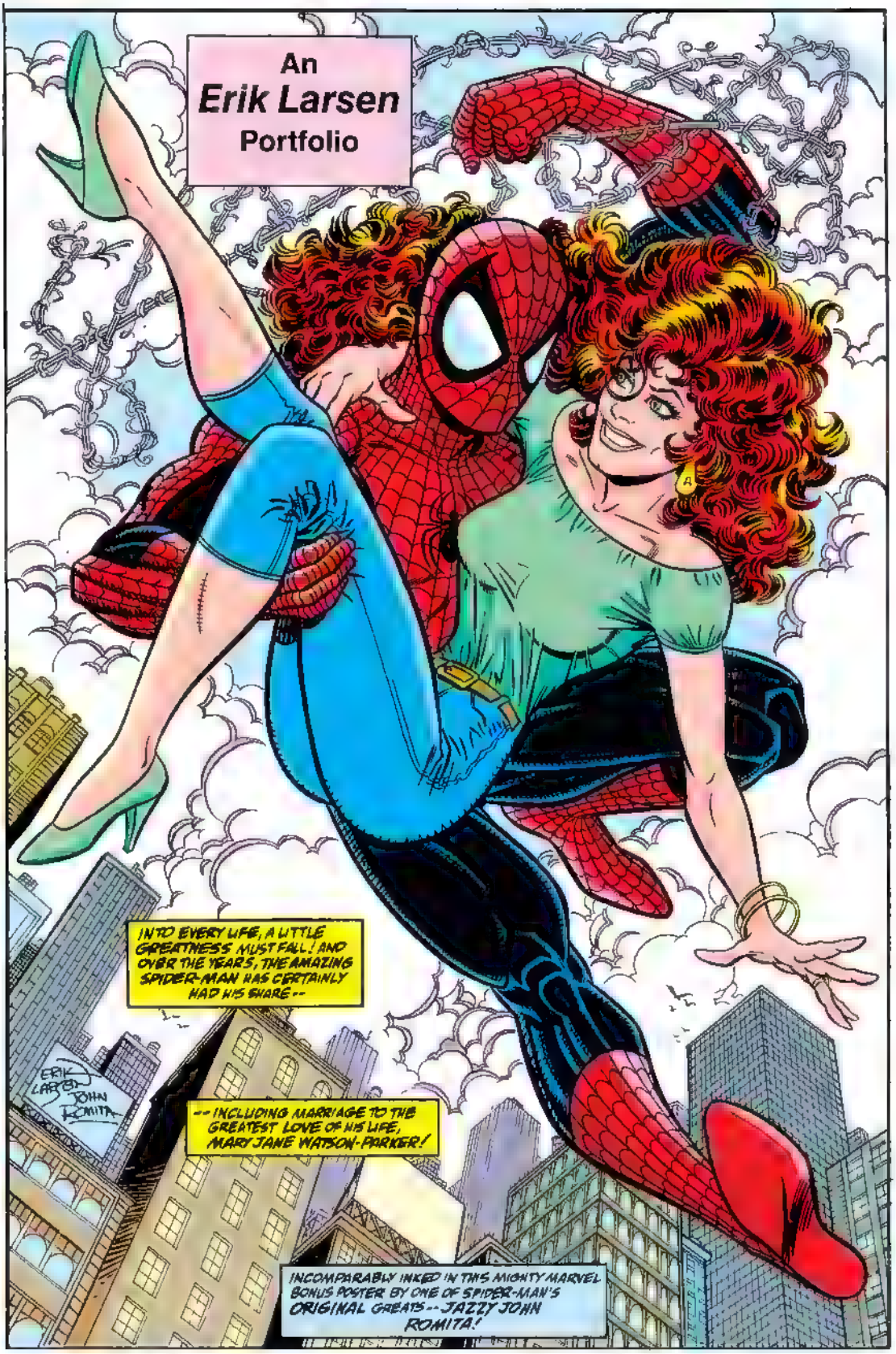

TROOPS KEEPING ME FROM THE MACHINE!
SWARM STARTING TO MATERIALIZE!
SMASH
KRUNK
WHAT THE HECK NOW?
YOUR TIME IS UP.
BACK, LACKEYS!
I'VE NO QUARREL WITH YOU!
SHVAK
SHVAK
MY SPIES REPORT THAT THE BLACK FOX IS HERE!
THEN YOU'VE COME TO HELP!
ON THE CONTRARY, I'VE COME FOR THE JEWEL -- NOTHING MORE!


ALL RIGHT, DOOM!
IF THAT'S THE WAY IT HAS TO BE...!
LIKE IT OR NOT, DOOM IS HELPING--
--'CAUSE THESE FANATICS DON'T REALIZE HE'S JUST A SPECTATOR!
THEY'RE SO WORRIED ABOUT HIM, THEY'RE LETTING ME GET MY SHOTS IN!
VISION BLURRING!
BUT I CAN'T QUIT!
EVEN IF IT MEANS--
--GOING THROUGH THESE HOOD-HEADS--
--ONE-BY-ONE!
CAN'T LET MYSELF--
-- WON'T LET MYSELF--
-- BLACK OUT!
THERE'S JUST TOO MUCH AT STAKE! TOO MUCH DEPENDING ON--


GOT IT!
--ME!
LOOKS LIKE ANDY AND THE ARCANE ORDER--
CULTISTS TAKING A POWDER, TOO!
"--LOST THIS ONE."
I KEPT MY PROMISE, DOOM.
MACHINE WINDING DOWN! SWARM FADING!"


HERE.
AS IT SHOULD BE.
AND NOW... FOR YOU!
W-WAITAMINIT! WE HAD A BARGAIN--!
OUR AGREEMENT CONCERNED A STOLEN OBJECT--NOT THE CUTPURSE WHO TOOK IT!
BUT WHERE'S THE GLORY IN KILLING HIM? HE DIDN'T MEAN TO TAKE ANYTHING FROM YOU. HE'S JUST A FRAIL OLD MAN!
V-VERY FRAIL!
KOFF KOFF
A-AND VERY OLD!
THERE IS TRUTH IN WHAT YOU SAY.
STILL, HONOR DEMANDS PUNISHMENT.
PERHAPS--
--THIS BAUBLE MY MINIONS RECOVERED FROM THE FOX'S LAIR?
GASP THE TRASK DIAMOND! B-BUT--
--THAT'S SUPPOSED TO FINANCE MY RETIREMENT!
IT'S BOUGHT A LESSON INSTEAD; LEARN IT WELL.
THIS HAS VALUE. IT IS THE SYMBOL OF A BLOODLINE.
WHILE THIS IS NOTHING...
...BUT THE PRICE OF PERFIDY!
K-K-KKHFF-

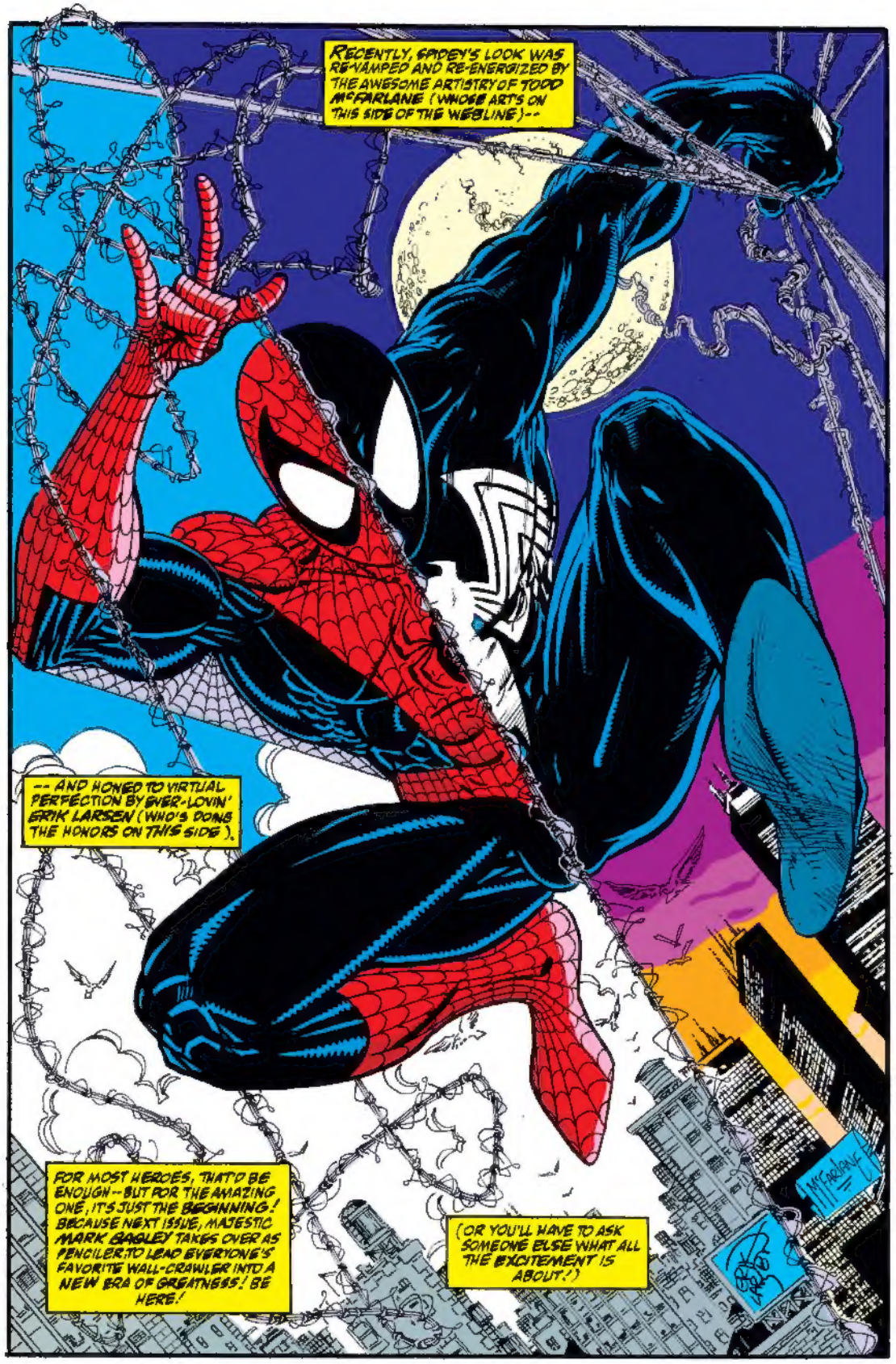

FOX...?
WHA--OH, YES. I-I SUPPOSE I SHOULD THANK YOU--
--FOR SAVING MY LIFE! MOST GENEROUS! TA-TA, NOW!
NOT THIS TIME, FOX. YOU'RE COMING WITH ME!
?!?
B-BUT, WHAT YOU SAID IS TRUE! I AM OLD! AND FRAIL!
I-I'D NEVER SURVIVE PRISON! PLEASE, SON, HAVE PITY!
I SWEAR I'LL HANG UP MY JUMPSUIT FOR GOOD IF YOU'LL JUST--
SAVE IT.
THE SCORE IS SETTLED.
THE NEXT FEW DAYS ARE GOING TO BE ROUGH. I'VE STILL GOT A CONCUSSION TO HEAL!
AND MARY JANE'S GOING TO BE UPSET FOR QUITE A WHILE!
IT'LL TAKE TIME, AND TALK, AND AFFECTION. BUT I KNOW WE CAN WORK IT OUT. AFTER ALL--
-- I'M GETTING PRETTY GOOD AT RECONCILING THINGS!
FOR THE JUDGE!
SNIFF
CHOKE
SH-SHNIFF
THE 350TH END!


An
Erik Larsen
Portfolio
INTO EVERY LIFE, A LITTLE GREATNESS MUST FALL! AND OVER THE YEARS, THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN HAS CERTAINLY HAD HIS SHARE--
ERIK LARSEN JOHN ROMITA
--INCLUDING MARRIAGE TO THE GREATEST LOVE OF HIS LIFE, MARY JANE WATSON-PARKER!
INCOMPARABLY INKED IN THIS MIGHTY MARVEL BONUS POSTER BY ONE OF SPIDER-MAN'S ORIGINAL GREATS -- JAZZY JOHN ROMITA!


THROUGH THE YEARS, THE WEBSLINGER'S BEEN BLESSED WITH GREAT FRIENDS, SUCH AS THE FANTASTIC FOUR!
(THOUGH HOTHEADED JOHNNY STORM MIGHT REFER TO THEIR RELATIONSHIP AS "COLLABORATIONS OF CONVENIENCE"!)
THE FF ARE INKED HERE BY ONE OF THEIR BEST FRIENDS, JOLTIN' JOE SINNOTT!


GREAT ALLIANCES HAVE ALSO BEEN A PART OF SPIDER-MAN'S CAREER, THOUGH SOME HAVE BEEN LESS THAN COMFORTABLE!
ONE SUCH CASE IS HIS OFF-AND-ON PARTNERSHIP WITH DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
INKED HERE BY A MAN WHO CERTAINLY KNOWS DAREDEVIL-- AL WILLIAMSON!


ALONG THE WAY, SPIDEY'S TEAMED WITH SOME WHO MAY BE FRIEND OR FOE-- OR EVEN A LITTLE OF BOTH! SUCH AS...
...THE COSMIC MANIFESTATION OF THE ENIGMA FORCE, CAPTAIN UNIVERSE!
...THE NAMELESS ANTI-TERRORIST KNOWN ONLY AS SOLO!
...AND THE MYSTERIOUS BETA-POWERED REVENGER CALLED... CARDIAC!
...ALL INKED BY SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN'S OWN SAL BUSCEMA!


RECENTLY, SPIDEY'S LOOK WAS RE-VAMPED AND RE-ENERGIZED BY THE AWESOME ARTISTRY OF TODD McFARLANE (WHOSE ART'S ON THIS SIDE OF THE WEBLINE)--
-- AND HONED TO VIRTUAL PERFECTION BY EVER-LOVIN' ERIK LARSEN (WHO'S DOING THE HONORS ON THIS SIDE).
FOR MOST HEROES, THAT'D BE ENOUGH--BUT FOR THE AMAZING ONE, IT'S JUST THE BEGINNING! BECAUSE NEXT ISSUE, MAJESTIC MARK BAGLEY TAKES OVER AS PENCILER TO LEAD EVERYONE'S FAVORITE WALL-CRAWLER INTO A NEW ERA OF GREATNESS! BE HERE!
(OR YOU'LL HAVE TO ASK SOMEONE ELSE WHAT ALL THE EXCITEMENT IS ABOUT!)